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of the press con- yening M Giscard de it clear that be a general and agreement to form the EMS which would make it possible for any member country to reserve its position on some parts of it. "If Britain takes part only partially that will have no political consequences for Europe" he said.

Mr Callaghan had made it clear that the EMS was meant to be a community agreement *and that as such it had to* involve all members.

However, different countries might for their own reasons have reservations from the outset about certain aspects of the scheme such as loans, credits, exchange rates, international relations and other currencies, he went on. All of these had different importance to the countries involved.

"There are various parts which might embrace some members of the Community and not others. But there would then come a moment when they might enter fully", he said. *Britain had certain reservations* at the moment and wanted to ensure among other things that the resources of a country were closely related to the means it had to pay its dues.

Of the system generally, Mr Callaghan said that Britain had never doubted its value to both Europe and the rest of the world.

President Giscard d'Estaing said that he hoped the system to be agreed would be such that it would be possible for Britain to be a members either right from the beginning or when conditions were favourable for Britain to enter.

But Mr Callaghan's whole tone was that he wanted Britain to be a member from the outset, since he considers it is important to be involved. Britain sees the EMS as having much wider implications than a "snake" and thus regards it as being more important than just an agreement about currencies.

No formal British decision is to be expected before the European Council meeting at the beginning of next month in Brussels. The Green Paper on the subject which was published today is, however, to be debated in the House of Commons on Wednesday and the next day's Cabinet meeting will give a report on Today's summit meeting in the light of that debate.

By then Mr Callaghan will have had meetings with Mr Jack Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, who after meeting President Giscard d'Estaing in Paris yesterday said he was enthusiastic about the scheme. With Britain as a partial member of the EMS it is felt there will be much more chance of influencing thought about such things as restructuring the common agricultural policy, despite the fact that France still maintains that the two subjects are not linked.

In general the British view of the EMS is that they are enthusiastic about the concept even if they are less keen on the technicalities, and it is only by being involved that it will be possible to make the technicalities come more into line with the concept.

Mr Callaghan chose to pay tribute to the close links which have been established between France and West Germany, the two leading lights in the decision to try to form the EMS. "We consider that this is a solid and healthy foundation on which Europe can rest", he said.

The other contentious subject discussed at length today was the European Parliament. President Giscard d'Estaing said that France and Britain agreed they were firmly attached to the provisions of the Treaty of Rome and this was seen as the framework within which Europe should organize itself.

Mr Callaghan echoed this sentiment.

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The Green Paper also makes clear the Government's commitment to keeping the value of the pound up on the foreign exchange markets, even if the United Kingdom opts out of the fixed rate scheme at first.

The EEC heads of state will *formally decide on whether* or not to link their currencies together at their summit on December 4 and 5. The Green Paper stresses that the decision to be taken in the next few weeks is of whether or not Britain should join a particular regime of fixed exchange rates.

The choice does not relate to the wider issue of a European Monetary System, according to the paper.

Britain is in favour of the wider concept of the EMS on the basis laid down at the European summit in Bremen in July.

However, the paper says that many of the features which should form part of a wider EMS have not yet been properly discussed or agreed upon.

The Green Paper comments *that there has sometimes* seemed to be "excessive concetration on exchange rate mechanisms during the discussions on EMS.

The present proposals for fixing exchange rates within the EMS are closely modelled on the existing joint float, or "snake", which is dominated by the German mark. The British Government has always opposed basing a new system on the snake, and the Green

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Businessman tells bench of £200,000 gift to 'the underdog, the Liberal Party'

'Police inquiry into £20,000 Thorpe case cheques'

From Trevor Fishlock and Michael *Hornsell*
Minehead

Two cheques, each for £10,000, paid into the Channel Islands account of a friend of Jeremy Thorpe by Mr Jack Hayward the businessman and Liberal Party benefactor, became the subject of a police investigation, the Thorpe conspiracy case hearing at Minehead Magistrates' Court, Somerset, was told yesterday.

Mr Hayward was giving evidence when the court proceedings were abruptly ended for the day by a bomb hoax. A telephone caller said there was a bomb in the building and the court was evacuated.

Outside, Mr Thorpe shook Mr Hayward by the hand before driving off with Mrs Thorpe, who had sat in the court every day this week.

The court was told that Mr Thorpe, leader of the Liberals at the time, wrote to Mr Hayward in 1974 asking for money to meet general election expenses. Mr Hayward, who is based in the Bahamas, responded. He said he had already been a generous backer of the party, giving £150,000 in 1970 and more than £50,000 later. He was not a Liberal, he said, but it was his feeling that one should support the underdog and the Liberal Party was the underdog.

In a letter he was alleged to have written Mr Thorpe asked Mr Hayward for two cheques, one for £40,000 which would go straight to party funds, another for £10,000 to be sent to Jersey to Mr Nadir Dinshaw, an Indian businessman who is godfather to Mr Thorpe's son Rupert.

Mr Thorpe explained in the letter that payment had to be made in that way because candidates' election expenses were limited by law and if he exceeded the limit he could have been unseated.

He had fought a national and a local campaign from his North Devon constituency and there was an "overlap" in expenditure which he "preferred not to have to argue about".

Mr Dinshaw, he said, had agreed to settle bills which fell into that "ambiguous category". Subsequently, another £10,000 cheque was sent by Mr Hayward at Mr Thorpe's alleged request by letter to the Channel Islands in the same fashion.

Mr Hayward said that when the police asked him about those cheques he telephoned to Mr Thorpe from the Bahamas and asked what was going on. Mr Thorpe replied: "Dinshaw has presumably panicked. . . ." Mr Hayward said: "I was puzzled."

Mr Hayward told the court he had held a high opinion of Mr Thorpe since meeting him in 1969 during the effort to buy Lundy Island for the nation, which Mr Hayward later did. He listened as letters allegedly written to him by Mr Thorpe on House of Commons notepaper in 1974-75 were read out.

As well as *making requests* for money, Mr Thorpe wrote of business deals in which Dr Henry Kissinger was involved. He also wrote of wanting to *talk business with Mr Nixon.*

He wrote of his hopes for a Liberal-Tory coalition, of hoping to win Mr Roy Jenkins over from the Labour Party, and of getting proportional representation and 150 Liberal MPs.

He also wrote scathingly of Mr Peter Bessell, the former Liberal MP for Bodmin, his former friend, now a key prosecution witness. "He is a bastard . . . damn the swine . . . I am sorry you have been Bessellized", he was said to have written.

Before the letters were read Mr Bessell, who had just completed his appearance in the witness box, was asked to leave the court.

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EEC fishing talks end in bitter disagreement

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 24

EEC fisheries ministers ended a crucial two-day meeting here today in bitter disagreement after proposals submitted by Britain, for settling the Community's two-year dispute over fishing policy, were rejected outright as "absurd" and "impossible" by the other eight member states.

Summing up the views of the eight Herr Josef Ertl, the current president of the council of agriculture ministers, said that Britain's demands, if accepted, would "in several respects be in breach of the Treaty of Rome and the Treaty of Accession".

It was obvious, Herr Ertl said, that Mr John Silkin, the British Agriculture Minister, "wants a change of the treaty, wants overt and conscious discrimination in Britain's favour, and pushes British preference (in the allocation of fish catch) to the extreme.

"One must pose the question whether Mr Silkin wants the European Community as it is now".

Herr Artl added that he would be making a full report to Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and that he expected the whole issue to be raised at the summit *meeting of EEC heads of* government in Brussels on December 4 and 5.

West German officials claimed that Mr Silkin's tough line could only be explained as a political bid for the leadership of the anti-EEC left wing of the Labour Party. The officials believe Mr Silkin intends to resign if Mr Callaghan does a deal on fish at the summit. This was promptly denounced by Mr Silkin as "absolute and total baloney".

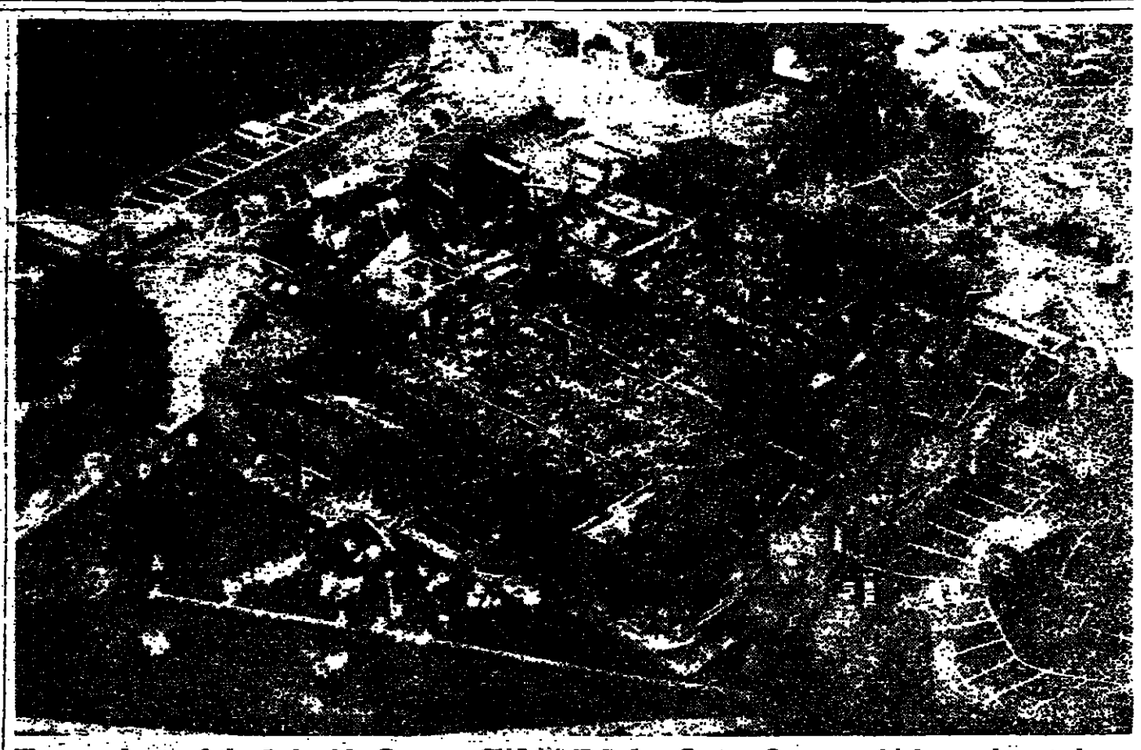
Herr Ertl's bitter comments on Mr Silkin's behaviour were echoed by other EEC ministers. Mr Joel le Theule, of France, said Mr Silkin had "shown contempt" for his colleagues, while Mr Alfons van der Stee, of Holland, described Mr Silkin's proposals as "those you might have expected from a Third World country rather than a fellow member of the Community".

Even Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish minister, who in the past has sympathized, if not overtly supported, the British position, said that it was "high time that Mr Silkin realized that the empire has gone".

For his part, Mr Silkin affected surprise at the reaction of his colleagues, and said he had been ready to go on talking. If the British proposals were unacceptable, then it was up to those who rejected them to put forward alternative suggestions, he said.

Mr Silkin appears to have intended his proposals as a maximalist position from which *he would have been prepared to* withdraw in the subsequent give-and-take of negotiation. However, he badly underestimated the effect on his colleagues of the terms in which these demands were formulated.

The nub of Mr Silkin's case was that all non-British EEC vessels should cease fishing within 12 miles of the British coast from the end of 1982, and that British fishermen should have preferential access to waters lying between 12 and 50, and in some places 80 miles. The only exception made was for waters round South-East England.



The wreckage of the Lakeside Country Club at Frimley Green, Surrey, which was burnt down early yesterday after the club had been featured in the independent television programme, The Sweeney. Police investigating the fire described the cause as "doubtful".

Minister's squeeze on council spending

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, in announcing the rate support grant settlement for 1979-80, tightened the cash restrictions on councils. The level for local government spending has been fixed at £14,109m, of which the Government will pay a grant of £8,607m, representing 61 per cent of the total. The level, the same as the Government paid last year, should enable councils to maintain their services and keep rate increases down to single figures, he said. But local authority associations cast doubt on the likelihood of councils achieving the target, because of Mr Shore's assumption that the 5 per cent pay guidelines will be obeyed, and that the general level of inflation next year would be 7.5 per cent.

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Crime rate 'is slowing down'

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, defended the Government's record on law and order. Crime in the first half of this year had shown a smaller increase than the average 6 per cent in recent years, he said.

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Allegations over jail use of drugs

The Government has rejected allegations by Provisional Sinn Fein about the use of the drug largactil on Provisional IRA men in the Maze prison, Long Kesh. It said that the drug had never been administered against a prisoner's will.

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National Savings rate up 2½ pc

From the beginning of January, the interest rate on National Savings investment accounts will be increased by 2.5 per cent to a record 12 per cent. The previous highest interest rate was 10 per cent.

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'Come home' call to Iran preacher

Ayatollah Khomeini, the Islamic preacher who has been urging Iranians to overthrow the Shah, has been asked to come home from Paris by the Shia Muslim elder statesmen in the holy city of Qom.

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Hijackers jailed

A Paris court has sentenced two former members of the American Black Panther movement to five years' imprisonment *for hijacking an airliner* to Algiers in July, 1972. Two women were given similar sentences with two years suspended.

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Guyana death toll up to 800

American authorities, recounting the number of bodies found *after the mass suicide by members* of the People's Temple sect in Guyana, now put the death toll at nearly 800. A figure of 410 had been given in earlier estimates.

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Coup in Bolivia

President Juan Pereda Asbún of Bolivia has been toppled in a military coup only four months after he took power in another coup. An interim junta has promised a return to democracy within a year.

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New TV licence fee inadequate, BBC says

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC and its main staff union yesterday condemned as inadequate the increases in television licence fees announced by Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary. The colour licence goes up £4 to £25 and monochrome £1 to £10 from midnight last night. The BBC had sought fees of £30 and £12.

Further, the BBC had sought to have the fees set for three years, but Mr Rees said they were intended to last for about one. However, he promised to have talks with the BBC about its future financial requirements and the basis on which it could do its longer-term planning. The BBC whose deficit rose to £17m *this month*, welcomed that.

The corporation also said it would try to make the rise last, but not at the price of wrecking its service.

The Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs, which represents abut half the BBC's staff of 26,000, took a stronger line. Mr D. A. Hearn, the general secretary, called the increases "ridiculously inadequate". They would not enable the BBC to restore the range and quality of its services, to compete on fair terms with independent television and radio, pay its staff properly or keep key people.

There are about 18 million television licence holders, of whom 11 million have colour sets. The estimated total revenue from fees in 1977-78 was £287m; the higher fees will yield £342m in a full year and about £23m extra in this financial year. It is estimated that there are about one million evaders, denying the BBC £15m a year. The projected income

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Dairy farmers vote to keep marketing boards

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Dairy farmers in the United Kingdom have voted overwhelmingly to keep the traditional system of milk marketing, it was disclosed yesterday.

Only 340 of 60,000 farmers voted against keeping the five milk marketing boards, in a poll ordered by the EEC. It was designed to test the views of British farmers in the face of claims by dairy lobbies elsewhere in the Community that the monopoly powers of the boards to buy and sell milk conflicted with the free trade aims of the Treaty of Rome.

Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said: "Our unrivalled marketing system for milk is secure". The size of the affirmative vote, he said, reflected growing resentment by British farmers against what they see as manipulation of EEC rules by their rivals to gain commercial advantage on the British market.

Mr Steven Roberts, chairman of the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales, which represents most British dairy farmers, said: "Every country in Europe looking at our market will wish to put the board in a straitjacket.

"If they cannot do away with us they will try to contain us. We have a fair old battle ahead." Although the vote was conclusive there were still British marketing methods that might be challenged, Mr Roberts said.

Most dairy-producing countries in the EEC, notably Denmark and the Irish Republic, have large surpluses. They depend on Britain, the largest importer of dairy products in Europe, to dispose of them.

President's coma

Algiers, Nov 24.—Doctors are to operate on President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria within 48 hours to remove a brain clot. The Algerian people were told for the first time tonight of the President's "comatose state".—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

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Mr Smith said in Washington that he accepts such a conference, the fact that he opposes a resident British commissioner, rejects a United Nations presence and dismisses any integration of the rival forces, makes it difficult to know just what he is prepared to discuss.

Securing the assent of Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the joint leaders of the Patriotic Front, will hardly be easier, but the Foreign Office is reasonably hopeful that they will at least see Mr Hughes. Both of them regard Mr Smith merely as an appendage of the colonial authority and believe the purpose of a conference is simply to hand over power.

Mr Hughes intends to keep his discussions private.

Nicholas Ashford writes from Johannesburg: Mr Hughes is due in South Africa about December 3. His visit will come at a time when the Government's mind is on everything but Rhodesia. Next week Mr R. F. Botham, the Foreign Minister, is due in New York for the debate on Namibia and he is only likely to have returned from there by the time Mr Hughes arrives.

Then attention will be focused on the internal elections in Namibia which take place between December 4 and 8. At the same time Mr Pieter Botha, the Prime Minister, will be looking with a certain amount of trepidation to the special session of Parliament which will consider the report of the Erasmus Commission on the Department of Information scandal.

However, there was general satisfaction in South African Government circles that Britain was at least making another attempt to convene an all-party conference, although there was little optimism that such a conference—if it takes place—would result in a settlement of the Rhodesian conflict.

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Minister hopes for single-figure rise in rates by imposing strict cash limits on councils

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday announced a level of financial support for local authorities for 1979-80 which he said should enable councils to maintain their services and keep average rate increases down to single figures.

The crucial assumption behind his decision is that the 5 per cent pay guidelines are obeyed, and that overall the level of inflation next year is not above 7.5 per cent. Accordingly the rate support grant settlement has set a strict cash limit, which means that councils will have to use money from their balances to keep to the Government's targets.

Th local authority associations immediately cast doubt on the likelihood of achieving those aims.

Mr A. G. Taylor, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said Mr Shore's call for single-figure rate increases was "optimistic and perhaps misleading". The Association of County Councils, which rtpresents the county councils outside the metropolitan areas, predicted that their rate precepts would rise by 10 to 20 per cent.

A critical comment came from Mr Michael Heseltint, Opposition spokesman on the environment, who said that the Government was simultaneously trying to hold wages to a 5 per cent increase and pushing up the rates on average by 10 per cent and for many people by as much as 20 per cent.

The settlement also drew criticism from the National and Local Government Officers' Associaton. Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secrttary, said he was disappointed that the Government had not taken the opportunity to boost employment. Mr Shore's attempt to limit wages to 5 per cent was a recipe for bitterness and confrontation, for it would mean their wages falling behind the private sector.

The comment came after Mr Shore had described the settlement as "a modest improvement" on last year. "It is designed to promote stability and continuity in the provision of the essential local government services we all need."

The total of relevant expenditure of local government for 1979-80 has been fixed at £14,109m (at November, 1978, prices) of which the Government will pay a grant of £8,607m. This represents 61 per cent of the total, the same proportion as the Government paid last year.

The total shows a growth of 1.6 per cent over last year's expenditure, reflecting the growth allowed in the Government's public expenditure plans published early this year.

Mr Shore said he had continued the priority of distributing grant to the areas of greatest need, the inner city areas, including inner London. London will receive an additional £41m in real terms because of its growing needs, and Mr Shore has also weighted the sum towards the inner boroughs.

The main innovation in this year's settlement is the payment of part of the needs element of the grant to non-metropolitan district councils. This was to ensure a much fairer distribution of grant within the counties "and will particularly help the free-standing towns and cities within them".

Mr Shore said the change was consistent with the wider objectives of "organic" change, under which the largest districts are to be given more powers, and was justified

The proposal leaves the total needs element for each county area unchanged, "and on average the level of rates and precepts taken together for ratepayers in non-metropolitan counties should not increase as a result", Mr Shore said.

Sir Duncan Lock, chairman of the Association of District Councils, described the settlement as a "step in the right direction", welcoming the decision to channel part of the needs element direct to district councils. He also applauded the Government for recognizing the real cost of local environmental services, such as dustbin emptying and recreation, and for adding in £65m to help to pay for the cost.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy believed that the combination of pay awards and the tight cash limit was likely to have a serious impact on services.

Defending the increase in help for London, Mr Peter Bowness, chairman of the London Boroughs Association, said that this year the average Londoner was paying £63 more on his rate bill than the average ratepayer elsewhere.

Mrs Thatcher faces dilemma over winning more Scottish seats

Tory line on devolution stays equivocal

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Mrs Margaret Thatcher believes that if the Conservatives are ever to form an effective government the party's strength in Scotland must be rebuilt. Conservatives might form a government without an improvement north of the border, but the ability to govern depends crucially on winning more Scottish seats.

The Tory slide in Scotland may be measured by the loss of 20 parliamentary seats in as many years and more than 700,000 Scottish votes. A large share of them has gone to the Scottish National Party.

The referendum campaign on the Bill to set up a Scottish assembly approaches, bearing with it serious implications for the future of the Conservatives in Scotland, and if Mrs Thatcher is correct, in the United Kingdom as well.

The dilemma is this. Should the assembly Bill clear all hurdles on March 1 the Conservatives opposed to the Government's devolution plans could easily emerge as losers, with an added discomfort of having "campaigned against Scotland".

That would be an unappealing position from which to enter the assembly elections or the general election

Any possibility of mounting a purely Conservative campaign directed against the assembly Bill has been rejected. Instead the Tories will add their weight to a broad "No", which will have formidable financial backing from commerce and industry. "Scotland Says No" will replace the "Scotland is British" campaign and is to be launched formally later this month.

Tories argue that one heavily weighted spear will be a more effective weapon against the Government's campaign, but there is also the advantage of joining an organization that is not entirely political. They may even hope that the Scottish referendum will have some of the non-party atmosphere of the EEC debate.

That is unlikely. The Labour Party has invested too much in devolution not to wring the maximum political advantage from both the Bill and the discomfort of the Tories.

The Scottish Conservative Party remains deeply split on devolution and, in spite of some thoughtful work by Mr Francis Pym and other Scottish members, the party line retains an equivocal ring. The recent Berwick and East Lothian by-election, too, suggests that devolution is seen as a political issue on which voters are prepared to give the Government credit.

The Conservative "No" campaigners, led by Mr Edward Taylor, chief opposition spokesman on Scotland, have set out an impressively long list of reasons for rejecting the Bill, but they fear the emotional strength that will be generated by the "Yes" supporters.

A vote for the assembly, they say, is a vote for Scotland and by contrast the "no" lobby could be seen to be arguing their way through a forest of split hairs, insisting that "no" is not really a negative attitude.

The Tories accept that any eleventh-hour devolution scheme cobbled together would not be credible even assuming it was agreed by the party. The surest way of scattering doubt on the assembly, they have decided, is by attacking the detail and the quality of the Bill.

They will also press the question why the Scottish National Party, with the determined aim of winning independence for Scotland, should be campaigning so enthusiastically for a Scottish assembly when the Government is convinced that an assembly will not lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom.

The Labour Party and Scottish TUC have distanced themselves from that charge by launching a distinctive campaign and refusing to "soil their hands" with any umbrella "yes" organization in which members of the SNP are involved.

Even so, the assembly's supporters see the devolution Bill as a means to diametrically opposite ends: Labour hope to secure the unity of Britain yet give Scotland more autonomy; the nationalists expect to build a springboard to independence. Between the two one can see Mr Taylor marking the spot to bring down his unionist axe.

Only two Conservative MPs would be at all likely to campaign for the assembly. They are Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, former chief opposition spokesman on Scotland, who resigned when Conservative policy took an anti-devolution tilt under Mrs Thatcher, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP for Edinburgh, Pentlands.

When the battle begins both are more likely to follow the example of Mr Edward Heath and decide that their dislike of a particular Bill outweighs their support for the principle of more authority over Scottish affairs being devolved to Scotland.

Slower rise in crime this year, Mr Rees says

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Merlyn Rees, Secretary, defended the government's record on law and order last night. Crime in the first half of this year has shown a smaller increase than the average of 6 per cent in recent years, he said in Wellington, Salop.

Last year, the increase was 15 per cent. But in the first six months of this year, the number of indictable offences recorded was 1.5 per cent above the equivalent period last year.

There was too great a tendency to dwell on increases in crime as though they were uniquely British phenomena, Mr Rees told the Wellington Rotary Club. "Crime has been rising throughout the Western world relentlessly since the end of the war. No country's political system is immune."

Mr Rees said that the Government was doing all it could to strengthen the law. "Our law enhance law enforcement was particularly concerned with crimes of violence, whether by juveniles and young offenders, and with vandalism.

"The Government is increasing an extra £60m this year in real terms on law and order services. It has recently increased penalties for a wide range of offences. We accepted immediately the Edmund Davies report on police pay.

"There are encouraging signs that a very real improvement in police manpower, both by new recruitment and by reducing wastage, is in progress. The certainty of detection is the best antidote to crime." Mr Rees criticized Mr Nicholas Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster, last week who criticized Mr Rees's handling of juvenile crime (our Political Staff writes).

Speaking at Kingsland, near Leominster, Mr Temple-Morris said that juvenile courts must be seen to have power. The courts when they operated the Children and Young Persons Act were "utterly hopeless and had led to a sense of frustration by magistrates, police officers and even parents.

Education spending rise of 3½% expected

By Ian Bradley

Spending on education should rise by about 3½ per cent in 1979-80 if local authorities follow the policies underlining the rate support grant settlement, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said

In a written reply to a parliamentary question from Mr David Ginsburg, Labour MP for Dewsbury, she said she hoped the settlement would make possible a rate of growth in educational spending in the next two years that would "go some considerable way towards easing the restrictions placed on various parts of the service during recent years".

Forecasts for 1979-80 allowed for some expansion for the under-fives, and for the employment of 8,500 more teachers in primary and secondary schools than would be required to keep pupil-teacher ratios constant, so as to meet management and deployment contingencies and protect curriculum standards as school rolls fall.

The Department of Education and Science is budgeting also for 1,000 extra teachers of disadvantaged children, and for expanded induction and in-service training so that 9,000 teachers will be released for training in 1979-80, compared with only 4,000 in 1977-78 and an estimated 5,000 in 1978-79.

At a press conference yesterday Mrs Williams disclosed that local education authorities had underspent by 2½ per cent, or £160m, in 1977-78. The estimated level of under-spending in 1978-79 was £60m, or 1 per cent.

NGA rejects talks with 'Times' management

By Paul Routledge

The National Graphical Association (NGA) last night rejected a proposal from the management of Times Newspapers to take part in talks aimed at averting a suspension of the company's newspapers next Thursday.

Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the NGA, reaffirmed that the craft printing union would not negotiate on the introduction of new technology until the company dropped its threat to suspend publication of The Times, The Sunday Times and the associated supplements.

The rejection came after Mr M. J. Hussey, chief executive of Times Newspapers Ltd, appealed to the NGA to join in talks while there was still time to avert the threatened shutdown.

In his statement Mr Hussey said: "It is an enormous disappointment to us all that a great union like the NGA refuses to talk. I have the highest personal respect for its leaders, and to see such men putting themselves into a negative position would be sad at any time, but when so many people's jobs are at stake, it is a tragedy.

"I believe that the decision of the NGA's executive will come as a great disappointment to many NGA members in the company. Many are keen to work the new equipment. It is working in many other countries throughout the world, so why not here?

"We have stated clearly that no NGA member has to leave who does not want to leave. We are phasing in the introduction of new technology gradually. We have said that the vast majority of the new work will always be done by NGA members.

"However, it is still not too late. We are available at any time to talk to the NGA. Every other union is negotiating constructively with us, why don't they?"

Replying to the appeal, Mr Wade said: "We are available for discussions, and we have been since last April, but only on the basis that they withdraw their threat to suspend publication, and that they agree not to press their demands for single-key stroking, that is, not to involve non-NGA people in the operation of the keyboards.

"That has been and remains our position. I do not accept it is we who are putting other people's jobs at stake. It is the management who are doing that. As I understand it, Times Newspapers are running profitably, and there is no earthly or sensible reason why they should close these publications.

"The NGA, along with other unions, have been ready to negotiate on all the points they wish to negotiate about. We are concerned about the viability of Times Newspapers. If they withdraw their threats and demands we can get back into a normal negotiating position, which will make sense from everybody's point of view."

Mr Wade denied that NGA members at Times Newspapers were keen to work the new printing technology on the terms put forward by the management. NGA delegates from the company had been present at a delegate conference in London this week that was unanimously in favour of retaining the union veto of journalists and advertising staff "inputting" copy into the computer.

The dispute at *The Times* seems likely to involve unions outside the printing industry. The London joint branches of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) is holding a rally in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday, accompanied by a lobby of Parliament to urge MPs to persuade the Government to prevent the closure.

Mr John Mitchell, secretary of the Natsopa grouping, said there would be bitter resistance to the lock-out not only because the actions of the management imperilled the working practices and employment of printing workers "but also because the whole strength and fabric of the trade union movement is under attack, with the battleground being at Times Newspapers."

Two BL factories vote against strike action

By Clifford Webb

Workers meeting at British Leyland's Longbridge and Solihull car plants yesterday raised the state-controlled company's recovery hopes by voting against strike action in support of their claim for a 30 per cent wage increase.

But there was considerable controversy last night about developments during the previous 24 hours that had led to the vote.

Mr Derek Robinson, shop stewards' convener at Longbridge and chairman of the unofficial BL Cars combined shop stewards' committee, said that the management had made considerable concessions by relaxing its demands for corporate bargaining.

"This could now create the basis for a settlement", he said. But he added that it had been touch and go whether Longbridge walked out.

"On Wednesday Longbridge management told us they were not prepared to modify the corporate offer (a package amounting to 16 per cent) in any way", he said. "They insisted that every plant in the group had to agree to manpower cuts and productivity improvements before they would go ahead with parity payments which account for a substantial part of the offer.

"Following that statement the senior shop stewards met and agreed to recommend a strike action to a mass meeting today. But at BL cars joint negotiating committee yesterday the company representatives said they were now prepared to consider negotiations at plant level on manpower cuts and productivity improvement being demanded to finance wage increases.

"If these were agreed by February 1, then parity payments would be backdated to November and a general increase of 5 per cent would also be paid on current rates."

The unions have repeatedly accused BL of bad faith in pressing for the introduction of corporation bargaining before November 1, 1979, the date accepted by a two-to-one ballot of the whole workforce last year.

In reply the company has said that it cannot conduct negotiations to introduce parity (equal pay for equal work at all 34 plants) without corporate bargaining.

Last night BL denied that concessions had been made on company-wide bargaining. "The only concession made related to the payment of the national engineering award on overtime and shift pay. It is now proposed to pay this in one lump sum in February, instead of in three staged payments," it was stated.

Production is threatened by another strike at the Drews Lane transmissions plant in Birmingham, 3,500 men ended a fortnight's strike last week. Yesterday 250 workers producing suspension units for all Austin Morris cars walked out in support of 20 colleagues suspended for working to rule.

Two killed by train named

A mother and her daughter aged two, killed by a train as they crossed the line at Yatton railway station, near Bristol, on Thursday, were identified yesterday as Mrs Wendy Connick aged 22, and Marie.

Mrs Connick's son, Wayne, aged 14 months, was not killed. His father John, a private serving with the Royal Green Jackets in Northern Ireland.

Hope abandoned for RAF crew

Hope was abandoned last night for two RAF airmen whose Phantom crashed into the Firth of Tay on Thursday night.

They were Flight Lieut. Christopher Jones, aged 28, the pilot, from Gwynned, and his navigator, Flight Lieut. Michael Stevenson, aged 25, from Lincolnshire. Both were married with no children.

TV company denies banning film

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Southern Television yesterday firmly denied that it had been dissuaded by outside representations three years ago from showing a documentary film on toxic waste disposal.

The allegation was made on Thursday by Mr David Harrison, chairman of Basildon Council planning committee, at a public inquiry into the future of a waste tip at Pitsea, Essex. He said that the film, in which he took part, had been shot shortly after Mr Thomas Carroll, a driver employed by Redland Purle, was killed by toxic fumes from the tip in March, 1975.

On the morning of the day it should have been shown, he said, representations were made to the managing director of Southern Television at that time, Mr C. D. Wilson, who ordered the programme to be cancelled.

Mr Harrison said that he had hoped the film would be made available for showing at the inquiry. But in reply to his request the company had indicated that it had been destroyed.

The company confirmed yesterday that the present managing director, Mr Frank Copplestone, had received a letter from Mr Harrison two or three weeks ago. Mr Copplestone had replied regretting that the film no longer existed.

The decision not to transmit the programme was taken on purely professional grounds, an official stated. The film had, in fact, never been completed. It was company policy to destroy any film more than two years old which was of no archival value.

Jail for two officials of Welsh Language Society

From Tim Jones
Carmarthen

Two officials of the Welsh Language Society were sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday after being found guilty of conspiring to cause criminal damage to television installations.

Immediately after sentence had been passed other members of the society pledged that their campaign of damage would be intensified until a fourth television channel for the Welsh language was established.

Dafydd Wynfford James, aged 27, and Gruffydd Rhodri Williams, aged 21, who took no part in their trial, were convicted after the jury had deliberated for almost four hours.

During the morning, while Judge Morgan Hughes was summing up, the trial was disrupted when demonstrators scaled the courtroom wall and chained themselves to a balcony. Police used wire-cutters to free them and carried them from the room.

While the jury were out, Judge Hughes sentenced the four men who had disrupted the trial to one month's imprisonment for contempt of court.

He sentenced three others to three days and another to seven days' imprisonment for contempt. One defendant said he apologized only for not totally disrupting the proceedings.

Before being sentenced, Gruffydd Williams said that while he was not prepared to commit violence against people, he was prepared to damage property.

Dafydd James and Mr Williams both alleged that they had been convicted "on a pack of naked lies by police officers". They said they had been driven to their actions because of the futility of government promises to establish a fourth television channel.

After the hearing more than 150 police officers were engaged in skirmishes with demonstrators who surrounded the courtroom in an attempt to prevent the defendants from being taken to jail.

Kennel Club abandons all-male rule

By a Staff Reporter

The Kennel Club has been forced to abandon its all-male rule and admit women on an equal footing for the first time.

The decision to allow women on the club's governing committees was taken at this week's general meeting. In future women will be eligible for election to the club's central committee and all its sub-committees for the first time since it was founded in 1873.

In a ballot of club members strong support was shown for an end to sex discrimination.

Earlier this ytar Mrs Florence Nagle, a breeder, took the club to an industrial tribunal, saying there were more women dog breeders than men, yet they wtre allowed no say in running the club. She lost the case, but the tribunal agreed things were far from satisfactory.

Contraceptive Bill

The Irish Government announced in the senate that it would introduce a Bill to regularize the sale of contraceptives within the next few weeks.

Yard detectives question Bulgarian in Munich over Markov murder

Two Scotland Yard detectives from the anti-terrorist squad and the Special Branch have been in Munich for ten days questioning a man about the murder in London of Mr Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian defector.

The man, who has denied any involvement in the killing, is a Bulgarian doctor and was traced through a Photofit picture which was principally compiled by a man who survived a similar murder attempt.

Mr Markov died after being jabbed in the thigh by a sharp umbrella. A metal pellet that could have contained poison was found in his body.

Mr Vladimir Rostov, also a defector from Bulgaria, survived a similar attempt on his life and a poison pellet was removed from his back in Paris. He helped to compile the Photofit picture but was unable to identify the man the detectives have been questioning.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded yesterday on Mr Vladimir Simeonov, the Bulgarian defector who was found dead at the bottom of the stairs in his East London home. He died a few weeks after Mr Markov.

Dr Harold Price, the Walthamstow Coroner, said there was "absolutely no comparison" between his death and that of Mr Markov and an attack on another Bulgarian defector in Paris. "There may well be great speculation and talk of coincidence, but I assure this court that falls down steps do often cause death".

The inquest heard that Mr Simeonov, a BBC programme assistant, had spoken of receiving a death threat from a man in the foyer of the BBC. His fears were described by a friend, Mr George Ivanov, a secretary in the Bulgarian section of the BBC's World Service.

He said Mr Simeonov stayed with him in the early days of his defection. But because of pressure put on Mr Ivanov by the Bulgarian consultate for harbouring Mr Simeonov, Mr Ivanov said, he asked him to find a place of his own.

Mr Ivanov said that Mr Simeonov described how he was seized by a man in the foyer of the BBC. "He was shocked by a threat of a Bulgarian seamen in the foyer who said he wanted to kill Mr Simeonov. Mr Simeonov said he was afraid to continue living alone. He had been trying to sell his house for a few years but he was not a very practical man."

Mr Simeonov was found at the bottom of the stairs at his home in Western Road Plaistow, east London, by a BBC secretary who went there when he failed to arrive for work.

Evidence pointing to a fall came from Professor Michael Davies, of the department of cardiovascular pathology at St George's Hospital, London. He described an abnormality in Mr Simeonov's heart that could cause blackouts.

Other than a heart murmur, Mr Simeonov would appear to be perfectly fit, he said. But "it would not be unreasonable to suppose" on finding him at the bottom of a staircase that his fall was related to the heart abnormality.

Dr Rufus Crompton said that X-rays had been taken in a search for any foreign bodies that might be in Mr Simeonov's body, but none had been found.

Firemen's leaders back deal

By Donald Macintyre

Fire Brigades Union delegates will be recommended on Tuesday to accept a deal shortening their working week from 48 to 42 hours by April 1 next.

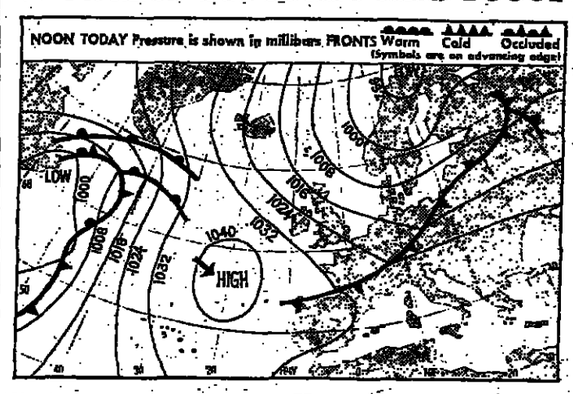
The union's executive yesterday voted in favour of accepting the local authorities' "final" offer. FBU national leaders and the employers hope that Tuesday's recalled conference in Blackpool will endorse the revised deal, reached over five months of difficult negotiations.

Under the proposals firemen on night duty will be allowed to take "boots off" rest in fire stations between midnight and 7 am if there are no emergency calls. Under a new disputes procedure neither side can take unilateral action until national machonery has been exhausted.

Correction

A report on November 21 case at Warley Crown Cou which twin brothers who fir shotgun at a group of col men were jailed for six year correctly referred to recorder, Mr Christopher St White". The judge in the was Judge Stuart-White.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; c—cloud; d—half cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; sn—snow; th—thunderstorm; s—showers; mp—medical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.35 am Sun sets: 4.0 pm
Moon rises: 1.27 am Moon sets: 1.53 pm
New Moon: November 30.
Lighting up: 4.30 pm to 7.6 am.
High water: London Bridge, 9.3 am, 5.6m (18.5ft); 9.46 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Avonmouth, 2.8 am, 9.6m (32.3ft); 2.36 pm, 10.2m (33.5ft). Dover, 6.37 am, 5.4m (17.5ft); 7.20 pm, 5.5m (17.9ft). Hull, 1.0 am, 5.8m (19.2ft); 2.8 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Liverpool, 6.53 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 7.13 pm, 7.5m (24.8ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.36 am Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon rises: 2.34 am Moon sets: 2.18 pm
Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.8 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.12 am, 5.9m (19.5ft); 10.47 pm, 6.3m (20.5ft). Avonmouth, 3.24 am, 10.4m (34.1ft); 3.45 pm, 10.9m (35.7ft). Dover, 7.38 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 8.15 pm, 5.8m (19.2ft). Hull, 2.15 am, 6.1m (19.9ft); 3.7 pm, 6.2m (20.5ft). Liverpool, 7.55 am, 7.7m (25.4ft); 8.12 pm, 8.0m (26.1ft).

A cold NW airstream will bring sleet or snow showers to all regions.

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Rather cold and sunny, becoming cloudy with rain, preceded by snow in places.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Central S, SW, SE and E England, Midlands, S Wales, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, sleet or snow showers, overnight frost; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, N Wales, NW, Central N and NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, snow showers, local accumulations, overnight frost; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firt, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cl hail or heavy snow showers haps prolonged in places, f moderate accumulations, ove frost; wind NW, fresh; max 4°C (39°F).

Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover, English Ch (E): Wind NW, fresh or st sea moderate or rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Wind NW, strong; sea rou

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am pm, 14°C (57°F); min 6 pm am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity 90 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 9 0.10 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	s	20	68	Cologne	s	11	52	L Palmas	s	22	72	Nice	s	16	61
Amsterdm	r	10	50	Copenhgn	r	10	50	Lisbon	s	14	57	Oslo	s	1	34
Athens	s	16	61	Dublin	c	7	45	Locarno	s	9	48	Paris	fog	4	39
Barcelona	s	15	59	Edinburgh	c	5	41	London	c	13	55	Reykjavik	f	-2	28
Beirut	s	20	68	Florence	s	10	50	Luxmbrg	fog	7	45	Rome	s	15	59
Belfast	r	5	41	Funchal	s	20	68	Madrid	s	13	55	Rotterdm	c	9	48
Berlin	c	11	52	Geneva	s	6	43	Majorca	s	19	66	Stockholm	s	3	37
Biarritz	fog	7	45	Gibraltar	s	17	63	Malaga	s	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
Birmingm	r	8	46	Guernsey	c	11	52	Malta	s	16	61	Venice	s	10	50
Bristol	r	12	54	Helsinki	s	3	37	Manchester	r	6	43	Vienna	s	7	45
Brussels	s	10	50	Innsbruck	s	7	45	Moscow	c	0	32	Warsaw	c	10	50
Budapest	fog	1	34	Istanbul	s	12	54	Munich	r	8	46	Zurich	s	9	41

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Fr Canaries, Pes 90; Denmark, Dkr Finland, Fmk 5.50; France, Fr Germany, Dmk 3.50; Greece, D Holland, Fl 3.00; Hongkong, $ 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Luxmbg, Lf 35; Madeira, Esc 20; Malta, Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Skr Switzerland, Sfr 3.50; USA, C $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25

TV licence fee rises condemned by BBC

Continued from page 1

for the independent television companies in the present calendar year is £400m.

The fees were last increased on July 30 last year when colour went up £3 and monochrome £1.

The BBC said improvements the public were hoping for would have to be postponed, but Mr Ian Trethowan, the Director General, said he hoped they would not be dramatic.

H esaid licence fees over the years had run well behind the cost of living: the BBC had wanted a three-year licence fee, so as to change "this hand-to-mouth way of fixing the finances of the BBC". It not only made planning difficult but was also very dangerous, because the whole idea of a licence fee system was to finance the BBC in a way that distanced it from government, preventing it being too obviously close to political interference.

"If you are negotiating virtually non-stop with the Government for your money, the temptations for them to start putting pressure on you are obvious."

Mr Hearn said: "It seems that this Government no longer cares that its neglect and lack of concern are undermining the foundations of the finest system of public service broadcasting in the world."

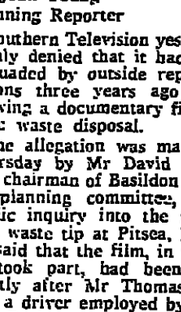
The BBC had to face a further year of uncertainty and increasing difficulties with inadequate resources. Its independence, eroded by years of financial pettiness by government, was in jeopardy; this Government could no longer be trusted to preserve it.

The BBC would have to borrow throughout the coming year and it would not be able to pay off debts caused by the delay in raising the fees

Our Political Reporter writes: A group of Labour backbenchers is to challenge the licence fee decision. A nuber of backbenchers are known to resent what they regard as a "poll tax" for television viewers which does not take account of their ability to pay.

Led by Mr Alex Lyon, MP for York, a former Home Office minister, the group tabled a House of Commons motion yesterday to annul the Home Office order giving legal effect to the increase.

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It maintains that the administration of the drug contravened the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Northern Ireland Office said: "Prison medical staff never force any drugs treatment on prisoners. Prisoners may be advised to take threatment which is made available to them and medicines prescribed are issued by hospital officers to each prisoner to ensure that he receives the correct medicine in the proper dosage and at the proper times."

It added: "Prison medical officers have complete freedom of judgment in prescribing and any medicines prescribed are to deal with specific medical conditions and never for experimental or disciplinary purposes. Largactil has been and is widely used in general practice and in hospital practice in treating psychiatric illness and emotional upsets and is often used as an adjunct to other medicines."

According to senior medical sources in Belfast, Largactil has been in wide use since the early 1950s for the treatment of psychological and emotional disorders and is not regarded as having serious side-effects.

The latest dispute about the treatment of IRA prisoners at the Maze comes after increasing official concern about the international effects of the protest and accompanying propaganda campaign. So far all requests by British and foreign correspondents to visit the jail have been rejected.

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and, of Tewkesbury Platting, Manches-led for three years ıonths. He admitted es in four houses and two factories and asked for 58 offences to be considered. Property and cash valued at more than £4,000 was said to be involved. None had been recovered.

Mr Jonathan Foster, for the prosecution, said that after a court appearance in February, Mr Marsland had been given bail. He had committed other burglaries and appeared before the city's magistrates in June, July and twice in August.

On all four appearances he was given bail until he appeared again in September. Then he had been found in a factory by the police. Counsel said Mr Marsland told officers: "That is okay. One more will not make any difference."

The judge said: "That is exactly the attitude I would expect and I am not at all surprised".

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ribbons, the postage ers, held the first Britain of bonds and icates yesterday. A overnment bond of d £1,600, against an £330.

Children injured by car

Eight children were injured yesterday when a car ploughed into them as they were waiting for a bus to take them to school in Castlehill Road, Bearsden, Glasgow. Six were detained in hospital.

Mr Thorpe 'wanted cheque in friend's name'

From Trevor Fishlock and Michael Horsnell
Minehead

Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of the Liberal Party, asked for large sums of money from Mr ack Hayward, the businessman based in the Bahamas, and he got them, magistrates at Minehead, Somerset ,were told yesterday.

In response to a request from Mr Thorpe, the prosecution alleged, Mr Hayward gave £40,000 to help to pay off party election expenses in 1974, and also sent ,as Mr Thorpe asked, two £10,000 cheques to a businessman in the Channel Islands who is godfather to Mr Thorpe's young son.

Details of the transactions emerged in letters that the prosecution said Mr Thorpe wrote to Mr Hayward and which were read in court on the fifth day of th ecommittal proceedings against Mr Thorpe and three other men.

The letters, the Crown said, also gave an idea of Mr Thorpe's political thinking and actions, his hopes for a coalition with the Tories and for the introduction of proportional representation, which he was hoping would lead to the election of 150 Liberal MPs. He was hoping to win over Mr Roy Jenkins fro mthe Labour Party.

The letters also refer to meetings with Dr Henry Kissinger and Mr Richard Nixon, the former United States President.

Mr Hayward, aged 55, of Sea Shell Lane, Freeport, Grand Bahama, chairman of the Grand Bahama Development Company, said he knew Mr Peter Bessell, the former Liberal MP for Bodmin, having met him first in New York in 1970. Mr Bessell was then "the spokesman who convinced me to make a substantial donation to Liberal Party funds. This gift was £150,000, and I received a letter of thanks from the party."

Mr Hayward said he thought he was the largest financial supporter of the party in its history. "I have no political party and I do not regard myself as a Liberal," he added. "I made these substantial donations because I was persuaded by Mr Thorpe that the Libarel Party was dependent upon private subscriptions.

"The Labour Party had their money from the trade unions, the Conservatives from big business and the Liberals were relying on private people. I thas been my feeling that one should support the underdog, and the Liberal Party was the underdog."

Mr Hayward said he had known Mr Thorpe since 1969, when he (Mr Hayward) was trying to buy Lundy, the island in the Bristol Channel, for the nation (which he subsequently did).

He contioued: "Mr Thorpe was very helpful and I formed a high opinion of him and his ability. The highly significant factor in giving money (to the Liberals) was that Mr Thorpe was concerned."

Mr Hayward listened while six letters, allegedly written to him by Mr Thorpe on House of Commons notepaper in Mr Thorpe's hand, between April, 1974, and July, 1975, were read to the court.



Mr Jack Hayward, the Bahamas-based businessman, relaxing at Minehead, Somerset, where he is a witness in the Thorpe case.

The first letter, dater April 10, 1974, referred to the first of the two £10,000 cheques and to the "bastard" Bessell.

Under the headline "Kissinger", Mr Thorpe wrote:
We had an extremely useful and friendly talk at the US Embassy. I gave him a foll brief and he has shown definite interest. He wants to contact me again and still wants me to lunch with him in Washington. Ironically, I had a session with Nixon at the reception following Pompidou's memorial service, but did not think that I could quite raise Freeport (where Mr Hayward lives) on that occasion.

Under another headline, "Bessell", Mr Thorpe wrote: "He is a bastard." On the election two months before, Mr Thorpe said: "Your extremely generous contribution of £50,000 made it possible for me to have a closed circuit television which enabled me to sew up North Devon for good, whilst doing a national television campaign, paid for the posters, some of the press advertising, and helped raise the number of candidates.

We raised a lot more, thank God. However, I am now being asked to pay the bills and would now be ready and grateful for some help. Delicately (Mr Thorpe underlined the word twice) I would like to ask for two cheques! My reason is this; each candidate is limited to a total sum for his individual campaign. If he exceeds it by one penny he can be unseated. In my case I thought a national and a local campaign on Barnstaple, there is, therefore, an overlap on some expenditure which I would prefer not to have to argue about!

Accordingly ,Nadir Dinshaw, who is Rupert's godfather, and who is conveniently resident in Jersey, has agreed to settle bills which fall into this ambiguous category. Accordingly it would be immensely helpful if you could send me two cheques, one for £40,000 for the Liberal Party general election fund, and £10,000, payable to Nadir Dinshaw. I can then clear up everything safely." (The word was again underlined twice by Mr Thorpe).

A cheque signed on May 3, 1974, by Jack A. Hayward was produced in evidence. It was for £10,000 payable to Mr Dinshaw with the account name of "Protocol Trading Corporation (Exuma) Ltd".

The second letter produced in evidence was dated May 14, 1974, thanking Mr Hayward for his assistance and referring to a meeting when both he and Mr Thorpe were subjected to "a dose of Bessellitis". Mr Thorpe wrote:
My dear Jack, it is difficult to tell you with any degree of adequacy just how grateful through me, the Liberal Party, have reason to be for your munificence and magnificent help during the election. . . It was great to see you both at Orme Square. My only regret is that we both, and in particular, you, should have been subjected to a dose of Bessellitis. Damn (underlined) the man.

The third letter, which followed on November 28, 1974, was marked "Personal and confidential". It said:
My Dear Jack, I was horrified and shocked to hear of the extent to which that bastard Bessell landed you in court. I knew of the £10,000 guarantee and hoped perhaps naively, that it might not be called in, but the rest is too ghastly for words.
I personally feel very much responsible since you would not have met him but for me. If I was a rich man I would send you a cheque for the whole dam lot and try to forget an incident where, frankly, we were both taken for a ride.
The political position is this: as you know in February we soared from two million to six million and last time, albeit on a smaller turnout, held at 5,750,000. On a public relations system that would have given us 116 MPs.
The hopeful thing is that we have (except for Ted, who is going anyway) convinced some Tories" (in the margin Mr Thorpe sketched the names of Mr Edward Du Cann and Mr William Whitelaw) that we are here for good and many accept (a) that the Labour Party will never and has never polled 50 per cent or more of the votes but (b) under the present electoral system 39 per cent of the votes can and has given one party a majority. Ludicrously, Labour polled 29 per cent of the total electorate, had they all turned out. We now have a group of prominent Tory MPs in favour of announcing it well before the next election. Eight of us (eg, Liberals) are going to see those companies who have been the Tory Party's chief backers financially and suggest that they pressurize the Tories to come round in favour of electoral reform by the next general election.

Mr Thorpe added that that was so since (a) it would mean that there would never again be a socialist majority in its own right and (b) it gave Liberals next time a powerful incentive to return a Tory MP where no Liberal was standing or where his chances were remote.
Marks and Spencer are the first converts: Financially, the party nationally raised £150,000 twice, eg £300,000, and the constituencies individually between £300,000-£400,000, total £600,000, which is quite an achievement for a small party.
When I rang you I was £40,000 short and you generously said that you would meet half if I raised half. . . . The total needed went up to £42,000 but I raised £25,000 so I am still needing to raise £17,000. With that all election bills can be settled.
If with incredible generosity you felt disposed to close the gap I should be immensely grateful. But if, as you say, you think you have been Bessellized and that is that, well then I shall understand, although will be bloody pushed.

Referring again to Mr Bessell, he said: "Damn the swine. He has cost me a little."

The fourth letter was dated March 5, 1975. In it Mr Thorpe said that in a parliament with a party of perhaps 150 Liberal MPs social democrats like Mr Roy Jenkins "could be weaned away from the quasi-Marxists of the Labour Party".

Thanking Mr Hayward for his financial help, Mr Thorpe said: "It would be safest if we could repeat the February, 1974, procedure and make £10,000 payable to Jeune Fullerton and Dinshaw, if possible from an external account." Jeune Fullerton were accountants in Jersey and they with Mr Dinshaw would settle the bills.

In his fifth alleged letter, dated July 6, 1975, Mr Thorpe appealed for £9,000 to settle two outstanding election bills.

A cheque from Mr Hayward dated July 14, 1975, for £9,000 to the Liberal Party Direct Aid Committee was produced in evidence.

Giving evidence, Mr Hayward said that Mr Thorpe had asked him to put pressure on Mr Bessell over money (£35,000) that Mr Bessell owed Mr Hayward. Mr Hayward was asked if he would threaten that if Mr Bessell came back to Britain he would serve a writ on him for bankruptcy which would prevent him returning to the United States. Mr Hayward said he took no action against Mr Bessell at all.

Mr Hayward said that in May he telephone to Mr Thorpe after the police had been questioning him about the two £10,000 cheques. He asked Mr Thorpe why the cheques had been sent to Jersey. "I asked him why the police were investigating these payments and who Mr Dinshaw was. I was puzzled."

The hearing continues on Monday.

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PARLIAMENT, Nov 24, 1978

Cancer of frustration blighting the northern region

House of Commons

There was a generally incompetent and frustrating system for dealing with the problems of unemployment, Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North, Lab) said during a debate on the need for special measures to combat unemployment.

He said that the cancer of frustration blighted the northern region more than anything else. The shelves were full of plans, reports, studies, inquiries and investigations but the Whitehall response was so ponderously slow that by the time there was a reply circumstances were so changed that all they could do was have another inquiry.

Over the years Sunderland persistently had been the town with the worst unemployment problem in Britain. In his constituency he had whole wards with an unemployment rate of 30 per cent.

The particular problem of a few concentrations of high, unacceptable unemployment was a national responsibility. They had to find new means of tackling the job.

He was convinced that in the northern region, if only for self-protection, they had to make devolution a major political issue.

Two basic essential demands were a minister for the north, and a northern development agency. Sunderland should have a special commissioner, a jobs supremo, appointed and directly accountable to the Government, but based on Sunderland and dependent for his post on the number of jobs he created. His remit could be to bring down the unemployment rate to single figures.

An entrepreneur was needed, backed with Government resources, to break away from the rigid bureaucratic pattern.

Sir William Elliott (Newcastle upon Tyne, North, C) said the world recession in the building of merchant ships was serious for the northern area. They still had a lamentable shortage of skill there with 11,000 unfilled vacancies and no people with the skills to take them up.

A University of Technology in the Teesside region would be of the greatest assistance.

Unless it was made progressively easier for small businesses to employ people the area would get deeper and deeper into unemployment. The Employment Protection Act needed amendment to make it easier for small businesses to give employment.

Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab) said the Government might consider a national development policy, appealing to the whole nation to subscribe to a national development loan to help Britain recover her greatness. Such a plan would help to clean up decaying inner cities, exploit all agricultural land and provide leisure facilities. Unemployment would be relieved. Investors would have the security based on the credit of the Government.

Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunderland, South, Lab) said one of the factors which worried him was the apparent breakdown of the pay policy. He appealed to his trade union colleagues; the next few months were extremely important in the way they conducted their negotiations. If the policy was allowed to rip they were helping to enlarge the number of people unemployed in his area and throughout the country.

Mr Ernest Perry (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) said that for nearly three hours he had had to listen to people talking about the northern region as though it was the only region suffering unemployment. In inner London the proportion of people unemployed was as high as that in many other parts of the country. In October this year Poplar had a male unemployment rate of 13.7 per cent. In Deptford the figure was 12.5 per cent and, in Stepney, 12.5 per cent.

Over half a million jobs had been lost between 1965 and 1975 in London because of closures or firms departing to other regions. Areas which were once hives of industry were derelict. London should be allowed to advance its prospects as other areas did.

Mr Frederick Silvester (Manchester, Withington, C), for the Opposition, said that if Britain continued to put most of her resources into declining industries or those with poor productivity levels it might be nice for those working in those industries but it would not be good for those in other jobs and those waiting for jobs in other parts of the country where growth industries were needed.

The problems facing Sunderland were a national responsibility. It was not possible for a local authority, however much they helped themselves, to go it alone. They would need national assistance.

The Tories did not intend to take away such aid. There were sometimes misunderstandings about this. There was also deliberate misrepresentation about the Conservative views. He did think there would be changes in regional policy.

Mr John Golding, Under Secretary for Employment (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Lab), said he had great sympathy with the case put forward for skill training in Sunderland. The Manpower Services Commission would discuss with local interests improvement of training and retraining facilities there. Special measures such as the temporary employment subsidy and job creation programme had already helped thousands of people.

There had been important incentives nationally to assist the employment of disabled people in regular employment with the job introduction scheme, the capital grants scheme, and the revised fare-to-work scheme. Take-up had been disappointing nationally, and in Sunderland. In the latter only three people had been helped by the job creation scheme, one person by the fare-to-work scheme, and none at all by the capital grants scheme.

The Government could do a lot in making it possible for localities to provide for their own people, but it depended on local initiative to make certain money made available by Government was spent.

Sunderland was one of the 15 authorities designated by the Government under the inner cities policy as having problems severe enough to merit special assistance. Sunderland had been invited to prepare a comprehensive programme indicating the measures it intended to take to deal with inner area problems and in respect of which it would receive enhanced level of assistance of the order of £1.25m under the urban programme.

The Government intended to continue pursuing a strong regional police and to do all they could to make it possible for areas such as the North-East and Merseyside to enjoy the same prosperity as other areas. The underlying purpose of Government policy was to make certain there were regular jobs for people.

The motion was agreed to.

House adjourned, 4.30 pm.

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White Paper a 'threat' to broadcasting freedom, television director says

By Kenneth Gosling

The White Paper on broadcasting "stands like a haystack stuffed with weapons against some future need", Mr Colin Shaw, director of television for the Independent Television Authority and former chief secretary of the BBC, writes in the current issue of the IBA journal.

He sees a grave threat to the independence not only of the Open Broadcasting Authority, if it comes into being, but also of the IBA and the BBC. The White Paper proposed government intervention in broadcasting on a scale previously unknown in Britain and far beyond what would be considered tolerable if applied to the press or book publishing, he writes.

Specifically, Mr Shaw is concerned at the extent to which the proposed OBA would depend on government finance.

"If the new service encounters financial difficulties it may be very difficult for the Government to contain the expenditures of the OBA within its original, and at present sketchy, estimates. The possibility exists, to put it no more strongly, that the OBA would turn into a bottomless pit.

"Might it not then be tempting for the Government of the day to look at the revenues of independent television and the licence fees of the BBC and suggest that broadcasting in all its forms might be funded from a common pool?"

British broadcasting enjoyed editorial independence as great as any in the world and had a reputation for the range and quality of programming which was widely envied.

"But there are indications that both may be in danger." The White Paper might be well intencioned and some of its proposals migh seem innocent, but it stood "like a haystack stuffed with weapons against some future need".

Commons study on reducing perinatal deaths

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Perinatal mortality, covering stillbirths and babies who die in the first week of life, is to be studied by the social services and employment subcommittee of the House of Commons Expenditure Committee. It will investigate what is being done to reduce the incidence, paying particular attention to the work of the maternity and hospital services, the social and environmental background of families and comparisons with other countries.

Submissions from individuals and interested organizations should be sent before the end of December to Mr D. A. C. Morrison, clerk to the subcommittee, House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA.

Exemption for master bakers' prices pact

By Edward Townsend

Master bakers who have jointly agreed to peg their prices during the bread strike were yesterday granted exemption from any action under restrictive practices legislation.

The National Association of Master Bakers, whose members are not involved in the strike, have agreed to keep prices at their levels before the strike at least until December 9. Normally such agreements would have to be registered under the terms of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

But the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, which has been impressed by the master bakers' restraint in not raising prices in the face of much greater demand, said yesterday that an order exempting their joint action from registration had been signed. It added that there had been few complaints of overcharging, but that the association had agreed to investigate cases reported to its headquarters at Wimbledon, London.

Woman stabbed husband and his mistress in bed

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Mrs Irene Grainger, a magistrate, made a knife attack on her husband and his mistress as they lay in bed together, it was alleged at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

The court was told that after trying to end her own life with a drug overdose, the "devoted wife and mother" told the police: "It was a nightmare. I only wanted to stop them. They were going on holiday."

Mrs Grainger, aged 52, who has since resigned as a Manchester city magistrate, went to the flat in Withington armed with two knives early one morning and carried out a frenzied attack on her husband, Roy, aged 53, and his mistress, Mrs Anita Wilson, Mr Rhys Davies, for the prosecution, said.

She stabbed her husband with a carving knife, causing severe injury, counsel added. Then she stabbed Mrs Wilson with a small kitchen knife; both victims had to have surgery and stitches. The attack took place after Mr Greinger moved in with his lover, a former family friend.

Mrs Grainger pleaded guity to wounding her husband and Mrs Wilson with intent to do them grievous bodily harm. She was given a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, coupled with a supervision order.

Explosives found near railway line

One hundred sticks of plastic explosive were found scattered yesterday alongside railway sidings at Dringhouses, York, near the main London-Scotland line. Police searched for more of the sticks, which were first thought to be g... identified as plastic explosive made by Imperial Chemical Industries.

Army bomb disposal squads from Catterick, North Yorkshire, removed the explosive after a policeman's son, Mr Stephen Guildford, aged 22, saw the sticks on his way home.

Supt Harry Poller, of York police, said that it looked as though the explosive had been dumped. It was not dangerous without detonators, and no detanators had been found.

An official at British Rail's Eastern Region headquarters in York said it was unlikely that the explosive had fallen off a train.

Police with dogs were last night trying to discover where the explosives had come from.



RAC Rally won on Dunlop -for the 7th successive year.

Our warmest congratulations to Hannu Mikkola, winner of this year's Lombard RAC Rally in his Ford Escort RS1800. Hannu's triumph gives us our seventh successive victory in one of the toughest, most gruelling rallies in the world.

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WEST EUROPE



Listening to Mr Denis Healey (left) during yesterday's Elysée lunch are (left to right) : Mr Callaghan, Dr David Owen, Mr John Smith, the Trade Minister, M Jean-Francois Deniau, French Minister of Foreign Trade, M René Monory, Economic Affairs, M Barre, Prime Minister, President Giscard, M Louis de Guiringaud, Foreign Affairs, and M André Giraud, Industry.

Black Americans who hijacked US airliner to Algeria are jailed by French court

From Ian Murray
Paris, Nov 24

Melvin MacNair and George Brown, two black Americans, were sentenced to five years' imprisonment here today for the hijacking of a Delta Airlines aircraft to Algeria.

Mr MacNair's wife, Jean, and Mr Brown's companion, Joyce Tillerson, were given five-year prison terms each, with two years of the sentence suspended.

Because all spent about two and a half years in jail here awaiting extradition, the women are expected to be released within days and the men in about six months.

The fact that the trial was held in France under French law for an offence committed in other countries is the curious outcome of the strange way the grup came to be arrested.

The hijack itself occurred in July, 1972, when the four accused boarded a DC8 airliner in Detroit bound for Miami, taking their children with them as cover. Both Mr McNair and Mr Brown were fervent members of the Black Panther movement and on the run from police at the time, Mr MacNair for draft dodging and Mr Brown as an escaped prisoner.

The two men had hijacked the aircraft at gun point and, after making the pilot land at Boston, where the 94 passengers were allowed to disembark in return for a $1m (£500,000) ransom, the pilot was ordered to fly to Algiers, where the group expected to meet Black Panther leaders living in exile.

In Algiers, the money and aircraft were impounded by the Government and both were returned to the United States, while the disillusioned hijackers were allowed to go free.

They did not find the revolutionary spirit they were looking for among their Black Panther friends in exile and decided to live in France. Their children were sent back to America to live with their grandparents but they could not return.

Then, in May, 1976, they were identified by the American authorities who applied for their extradition. They were arrested but the Court of Appeal ruled that the hijacking was of a political character and thus extradition was not legally possible.

Nevertheless, under the terms of an international agreement on air piracy of which both France and the United States are signatories, criminal proceedings for the hijack had to be instituted against them. The case came to court this week.

Throughout the hearing it was impossible to hear the case on the straight criminal charge without political overtones creeping in.

"What is important," Mr MacNair told the court, "is racism. It explains everything. It has marked our existence from our infancy. I was black and poor. My first remembrance was when a white insulted my grandmother. I was four.

"I was aware that I was not like the whites. At school, in spite of the anti-segregation law of 1964, I felt separated from the whites. The segregation was double—that of race and that of money," he told the court.

A petition calling for the acquittal of the four was presented on the day the case opened. It was signed by 150 personalities.

Fines based on income urged instead of prison

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 24

M Alain Peyrefitte, the Minister of Justice, has suggested that extremely heavy fines could be substituted for prison sentences in some cases as the best method of punishing a criminal.

Speaking to the first World Congress of Prison Medicine, he suggested that, on the other hand, short prison sentences were sometimes the best punishment for minor offenders.

"It would be a good thing in certain cases to replace prison sentences by fines which would be in proportion to the income of the defendant", he said. "You could envisage, for example, fining someone an entire year's income, with payment being spread out over several years." Under such a system a person would have to pay five years' salary instead of spending five years in prison.

"Some evidence from abroad shows that heavy fines have a much more dissuasive effect than terms of imprisonment", he said. "Prison on the other hand has shown itself to be beneficial in the case of short sentences, since they produce a sort of electroshock, causing an attack of conscience on the part of the prisoner in forcing him to think."

Long prison sentences were also useful in the case of violent prisoners.

M Peyrefitte referred to the campaign against high security units launched by Jacques Mesrine, the convicted killer who escaped from prison in May. He commented that all that was proved was that the security in the units was not high enough since M Mesrine had been able to escape.

Terrorist suspect aggrieved by British 'prejudices'

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Nov 24

Astrid Proll, the suspected Baader-Meinhof terrorist, has spoken in an interview of the prejudices and difficulties she had to face in Britain because she was a German and a woman.

Apprentice mechanics she trained at a London workshop "called me Hitler at first", she said in an interview published in the magazine *Stern* this week. "I could not stand it."

There was a "strong racialism among English people against Germans" since the end of the Second World War, she asserted. The foreman and shop steward at a factory where she had worked as the only woman maintenance worker among 80 men tried to organize a strike to get her dismissed.

The foreman, whose wife objected to him working with a woman, refused to speak to her or give her any work. The shop steward devised a severe physical test too show she should be dismissed because she was too weak for "men's work".

She had to climb a 60ft ladder carrying heavy tools and haul long iron girders from one shed to another. After she succeeded she found she had earned great respect among her fellow-workers.

Frau Proll, who will face charges of bank robbery and attempted murder if she is extradited to West Germany, said she would not voluntarily return to her life with a terrorist gang "any more than I would voluntarily go to prison".

Terrorism, or the "politics of the armed underground", as she called it, "leads to almost complete isolation from the people whom one wants to reach politically".

Frau Proll declined to speak of her feelings about her dead comrades and the policemen they had killed. "There are too many graves in my life", she said. "I am not trying to forget it all, but I cannot speak about it publicly. The experiences were too painful."

She denied that she was running away from justice when she disappeared from a clinic in 1974. "I knew that a further period in jail would have completely destroyed me. I would not have survived a second total isolation in prison."

She said she has still not recovered from her four and a half months in conditions which the terrorists' lawyers described as isolation torture.

"I still cannot bear white-painted rooms because they remind me of my cell. Silence in a forest can cause me terrible fear. . . . Darkness makes me feel as if someone is taking my life away. . . . I still have the feeling that I cannot move, and curious though it may sound, my friends actually have to remind me that I can walk."

Casino bank broken

San Remo, Nov 24.—Mr William Morris, of Detroit, broke the bank of San Remo casino yesterday after winning 224 million lira (£165,000) He won 22 times in a row, chiefly by playing 27.

Grandmother at 28

Messina, Sicily, Nov 24.—Angela Sarao became a grandmother at the age of 28 today when her 14-year-old daughter gave birth here. Mrs Sarao was herself a mother at 14.

Portuguese political parties await new Premier's plans

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, Nov 24

Professor Carlos da Mota Pinto, the new Prime Minister, is expected to present the fourth consitutional government programme to Parliament on December 4. It is likely to be much on the practical lines of that of Senhor Nobre da Costa which was rejected by a parliamentary majority.

While the Christian Democrats have stated they will not obstruct the new government, they reserve their final acceptance of he programme for the day when the Assembly debates it.

The Socialists have also reserved their attitude until then, while the Communists have invited the Socialists to join them in a motion rejecting the programme. The Social Democrats seem doubtful of its chances to govern efficiently but are willing to give it a try. They will not vote in favour of any motion of rejection.

Meanwhile, all Portugal will celebrate the anniversary tomorrow of the defeat of the 1975 anti-government coup, which reaffirmed democracy.

President Eanes in his address is expected to emphasize again the jeopardy in which the political parties are placing democracy here by their refusal to put the interests of the country above those of their party politics.

Greenland home rule vote

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen, Nov 24

Greenland is to hold a referendum on home rule on January 17, as a result of the passage through the Danish Parliament last week of a 12-Bill devolution package.

If, as expected, the result of the referendum is positive, elections for a new Greenland Assembly will take place in April and the territory will achieve home rule within the Danish Commonwealth on May 1.

Greenland is the world's largest island, with an area of 840,000 square miles. It has a population of only 50,000 and has been an arctic province of Denmark since 1953, when it was decolonized.

The home rule Bill calls for the devolution by 1981 of local government, schools, the Church, social welfare, labour, education and cultural affairs, including libraries, radio and television, as well as taxes and inland revenue, fisheries and nature conservation.

By 1984 Greenland will take over the functions of the Danish Royal Greenland Trade Department in fisheries and sealing production and sales.

A four-man Greenland administration and a 21-seat Greenland Assembly will be set up in Godthaab, the territory's capital, to be elected every four years.

The Greenland Eskimo-based language will replace Danish as the official language. A Danish high commissioner will replace the island's present governor.

Under home rule Greenland will continue to be represented by two MPs in the Copenhagen Parliament like the Faeroe Islands, whose own devolution in 1948 was used as the model for Greenland.

The territory will be allowed to decide for itself whether it will remain in the EEC.

Aircraft bring malaria into Europe

From Our Correspondent
November 24

A warning that aircraft coming to Europe from tropical countries are sometimes found to be carrying "large numbers" of malarial mosquitoes is given today by the World Health Organization.

Two Swiss Army recruits stationed close to Zurich airport were apparently both infected on the same night by the same insect. A woman, aged 60, living in the same area, was also infected.

While remarking that the risk is "considered to be negligible", the WHO says that non-malarial mosquitoes breeding in Europe could possibly become infected by the blood of infected persons.

OVERSEAS

Toll in mass suicide nearly 800 after bodies are recounted

From David Cross
Washington, Nov 24

The death toll in the Guyana mass suicide rose to nearly 800 today when American authorities carried out a careful recount of the number of bodies found in and around the jungle settlement known as Jonestown.

Earlier, preliminary figures had indicated that 410 people had died from poison or gunshot wounds. Explaining the dramatic increase in the death toll, a State Department spokesman said that earlier estimates had been based on a rough count carried out by the Guyanese authorities in the immediate aftermath of the killings at the People's Temple.

In addition, some more bodies, particularly those of small children, had since been discovered under those of adults, the spokesman said.

During a careful count completed this morning, American officials worked out that 485 bodies had been moved from Jonestown, either to Georgetown or to Dover air force base in the United States. Another 20 bodies were ready for shipment frim Jonestown while 270 others were being prepared for transport to the United States.

Among the bodies counted were those of at least 180 children under 15.

The new figure appears to clarify one of the mysteries which had surrounded the killings. Until today it had been thought that perhaps as many as several hundred people had survived by fleeing into the surrounding jungle. But a State Department spokesman said it now seemed unlikely that there were many more survivors than the 75 to 80 now in Georgetown.

Nevertheless, he said, the American and Guyanese authorities were continuing to search the jungle. The search is being conducted by American aircraft equipped with loudhailers and between 300 and 400 Guyanese troops on the ground.

The spokesman said that a few more bodies were expected to be found in the Jonestown area and that the total of about 800 would roughly tally with the number of passports found in the settlement.

The return of the bodies to the United States is expected to be completed by the beginning of next week. The identity of one of them has been positively established as that of Jim Jones, the leader of the cult, who ordered the mass suicide.

Ministry report likely to favour Harrier deal

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence, in consultation with other Whitehall departments, is preparing a detailed report for Government ministers on the possible sale of Harrier aircraft to China, so that a decision may be reached before Christmas.

The report is likely to recommend that the sale should go ahead, for both strategic and commercial reasons. But information is still being sought to clarify a number of so-called "grey areas".

Ironically President Brezhnev's intervention, in which he complained to the Prime Minister about China's growing relationship with the West—and particularly about the projected Harrier deal—is thought to have made it easier for the Government.

On his recent visit to Britain, Mr Wang Chen, a Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, apparently asked for up to 70 of the vertical take-off aircraft, at more than £3½m each, to be built by British Aerospace over the next few years.

If Britain agrees, China will buy more British equipment, civil and military, but it wants the Harriers agreement first.

So far exploratory inquiries with the Western allies have elicited a high moral tone from the French who, having sold anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles to Peking, have indicated virtuously that they would not be prepared to sell fixed wing aircraft.

The United States, which matters most, is understood to have given an equivocal reply, pointing out that it is not selling American equipment to China.

Moreover American fears that the aircraft could be used against Taiwan seem groundless since the Harrier is less well suited for long-range operations than existing Chinese aircraft.

Ostensibly China wants to deploy the Harrier along the Soviet border, where its vertical and short take-off ability would help to compensate for the shortage of adequate airfields.



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Soviet rise and fall in Arab world

Mohamed Heikal, who is now out of favour with the Sadat regime in Egypt, is the best known journalist in the Arab world. As editor-in-chief of *Al Ahram*, Egypt's most influential paper, and a close confidant and adviser to President Nasser (and initially to President Sadat) he attended most of the meetings between the Soviet and egyptian leaders. Tomorrow *The Sunday Times* prints an extract from his forthcoming book which charts the rise and fall of Soviet influence in the Arab world between 1955 and 1975.

In this extract he revales that in 1964 Nasser had the idea of writing an "instruction manual" for dealing with the Russians. He never wrote it; but from conversations with Nasser Mohamed Heikal has completed the task. It is a penetrating and witty analysis of how to handle the Russians.

Novel about Jews in war wins Moscow praise

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Nov 24

A novel depicting the sufferings of Soviet Jews during the Second World War, the current sensation of the Soviet literary scene, has been warmly praised in this week's issue of *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the organ of the Soviet Writers' Union.

The glowing review is the first official response to a novel which has amazed readers by its outspoken treatment of themes generally ignored in Soviet histories of the Second World War. It suggests that the Soviet authorities, who frequently condemn Zionism, are nevertheless now prepared for a more sympathetic acknowledgment of the Jews' persecution by the Nazis.

The reviewer, a Lithuanian woman who was in a concentration camp, said the novel *Heavy Sand* was the most read book of the year, and had found a way to th the Soviet public.

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Media aid for Third World

By Our Diplomatic Corespondent

Britain should take a leading role in helping the Third World to develop its press and broadcasting facilities, Mrs Judith Hart, Minister of Overseas Development, said yesterday.

Mrs Hart had a meeting with press and broadcasting representatives yesterday to consider what practical action can be taken. Helping the developing countries with their communications depends much on professional expertise, Mrs Hart believes, and Britain is well placed to make an important contribution.

The cost of improving communications, as Mrs Hart said at the Unesco conference on the news media, need not be prohibitive. Photo-composing systems for small-circulation newspapers and magazines can be provided for £160,000, including the cost of a building. Community radio stations can be established for as little as £100,000. Training schemes are another important part of any future programme.

Intense political activity in Br

From Peter Strafford
Brasilia, Nov 24

Now that the Brazilian elections are over, and Arena, the official party, is heading for a majority in both Houses of Congress, both the military Government and the civilian politicians are preparing for a new phase in Brazil's gradual progress towards a more democratic system.

For the first time since 1966, it will be legally possible from January 1 to form new parties. So both in Arena and in the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB), the authorized opposition party, there is intense political activity as the various possibilities are sounded out.

For the military Government, the objective is a simple one. It has decided to give Congress greater weight by taking away some of the emergency powers the President has held in recent years, such as removing the political rights of deputies, but it wants to ensure that its supporters retain control of Congress.

The aim, therefore, is the formation of one or more new parties, which will prevent the opposition from maintaining a united front and enable the Government's supporters to put together temporary coalitions on specific issues.

For the senior strategists in the presidential palace, the ideal would be a system of four parties, Arena, the MDB, a new party between the two which would take members from each, and a new leftist party which would also take members from the MDB. In this system, they calculate, the Government could put together majorities of two, or even three, parties as the need arose.

The MDB is understandably reluctant to see itself dismembered in this way. The elections showed the unpopularity of the Government in much of Brazilian public opinion, and the party's leaders say that they would have won outright if the cards had not been stacked against them.

They were not able to present party policies on television or radio and one third of the Senate is in the gift of the Government. Yet even so, the MDB expects to have won a clear majority of the votes cast, and to have carried the large urban centres such as Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

There is no denying that many of the votes cast for the MDB were more an anti-Government protest than support for MDB policies. But they do reflect a desire for change, and if the party system were to remain as it is, some Arena members of Congress might vote against the Government on occasions.

The big question is how far the regime will allow the process of political liberalization to go. President Ernesto Geisel, for instance, who leaves office next March, has allowed greater freedom of expression, but has kept a tight grip on the levers of power.

All that can be said for sure is that General Joao Baptista Figueiredo, the president-elect, spoke during the election campaign of moving towards full democracy, though gradually, senior military men in Brasilia describe the process as having reached the point of no return. There was a time for "burning one's boats", as one of them put it to me.

The view of these military men is that the military takeover of 1964, the revolution, as it is known, was expedient designe "demagogy" of P Golart, and a socialism. Polici later in response difficulties and t now was the ti towards democrac cult though it wa

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Crimean Tatar hangs himself to avoid arrest

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, Nov 24

A Crimean Tatar living without legal registration in the Crimea hanged himself after police threatened to arrest him, dissident sources said today.

Mr Izzet Memadaliev, aged 32, was married with three children. He had several times been warned that he could not stay in Yarkoe Polye, a town in the Crimea. But he had a stomach complaint and, believing he would not be able to survive in a labour camp, committed suicide four days ago.

In the summer another Tatar set himself alight when police came to his house to arrest him. Since then the Soviet authorities have launched a campaign to evict the estimated 3,000 Tatars who have filtered back illegally to the Crimea from their exile in Central Asia, where they were deported by Stalin during the Second World War.

Soviet veterans to receive greater benefits

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow, Nov 24

A whole range of increased benefits for the already privileged Soviet war veterans has been decreed by the Communist Party central committee, beginning next year.

Veterans will be entitled to a 50 per cent discount on round-trip rail journeys once a year. They will receive interest-free loans to build houses, the right to take their annual leave when they want and an additional fortnight's unpaid leave.

They will have priority for accommodation at sanatoriums, preventative treatment centres and rest homes, and for joining garden cooperatives.

Katmandu crash

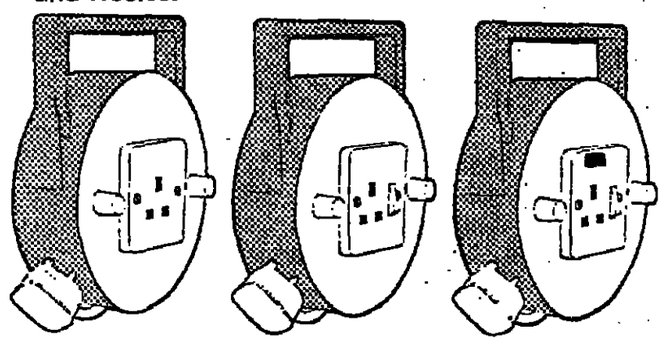
Katmandu, Nov 24.—A Royal Nepal Airlines jet chartered by the British Army crash landed today at Khtmandu international airport, but none of the 40 persons on board was killed or injured.

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Police in Salisbury arrested 170 black youths who were demonstrating yesterday against the planned conscription of blacks into Rhodesia's armed forces.

Diplomats are not ruling out *the possibility that he is* merely making pre-election promises he will not necessarily keep. But if he is serious about strengthening his armed forces, Western diplomats are concerned that he might be preparing to turn to the East.

For years the non-aligned black leader has steadfastly avoided too great a dependance on the Soviet Union or China. Zambian officials have always been proud that they have been able to play the East off against the West.

With Britain and the United States unwilling to provide offensive weapons which could be used against the white minority regime in Salisbury, Dr Kaunda might have little choice but to turn East.

Soviet diplomats insist that they have not been approached by the Zambians with a request for arms, but add that *if asked they would be* prepared to provide weapons on "terms to be negotiated".

One other possibility is that Dr Kaunda may be looking to China for help. Peking is not pleased with the Zambian leader after his decision to reopen the rail line through Rhodesia, thus admitting that the Chinese-built Tazara railway is inefficient and unreliable. But in the game of influence in the Third World, the big powers can not hold grudges and few doubt that China would be more than ready to help if called upon.

China early this year provided a squadron of MiG-19 aircraft, which are based at Lake Tanganyika, *as far from* Rhodesia as is physically possible, Mr Grey Zulu, the Defence Secretary, visited Peking in *September*. There has been no indication of what, if *any*, agreements were made during that trip.

Peking's bureaucracy is known to work slowly, however, and many diplomats are speculating that the fruits of that visit may soon come to light.

Even if he does seek Eastern military aid, Dr Kaunda will certainly be careful to ensure that he does not become a "puppet" of those governments he is depending on.

He has so far prevented any large increase in the number of Cubans here for that reason. Although many senior Zambian officials believe that they must act to defend themselves against a repeat of the humiliating pounding received from the Rhodesians in the past six weeks, they still insist they are not ready to sell their country's soul to do it.

Exile's reappearance could increase political confusion in Iran

Shia leader's colleagues ask him to return

From Charles Douglas-Home
Tehran, Nov 24

Ayatollah Rouhollah Khomeini, the Paris-based fundamentalist Islamic preacher who has been urging Iranians to overthrow the Shah and establish an Islamic republic, has been asked to come home by the Shia elder statesmen in the holy city of Qom.

Qom's more moderate leader, 76-year-old Ayatollah Shariad Madari, told *The Times* in an interview this week that he had sent his son and son-in-law to Paris to ask Ayatollah Khomeini to come back from exile. He *has not yet answered the* request.

His return to Iran now would introduce an incalculable element into a nation already undergoing a political and religious crisis. Ministers of the Shah's government are troubled that the 80-year-old Ayatollah would have to be arrested if he reentered the country to preach *sedition. The consequences* would be unpredictable.

The view at Qom, however, seems to be that his prolonged exile in Turkey, Iraq and Paris, may have sharpened his political rhetoric but has isolated him from the practicalities of every day life in Iran.

Qom's leaders are unable to indulge in the absolute statements which Ayatollah Khomeini lobs into the confused political situation in Iran. Instead, they are getting ready to send out 10,000 religious students to preach a special message of the day in the country's 80,000 mosques preparing for the religious festival of Muharrum.

Their purpose is to assist the intensified religious activity during the month-long mourning period, which is the most emotional anniversary in the religious calendar of Iran's 33 million Shia Muslims. The three days, culminating in Ashura on December 11, commemmorate the martyrdom of Husayn, the prophet's grandson. Muslims traditionally tend to identify his suffering in *680 AD* with their own contemporary political and personal grievances.

The Shah, the Government and people are all concerned lest on that day a fusion of religious emotion and deep seated national anger will explode into unparalleled violence. So the question exercising Iranians is what will Qom's religious message be.

Ayatollah Shariat Madari refused to be drawn on the detailed guidance he will give. He said it was still under discussion, but added that a period of mourning should be one of quiet. He then balanced the reassuring implications of that statement with a warning to *soldiers who might shoot to kill* demonstrators, if something untoward occurs.

"According to Islamic law, to kill someone without cause is not allowed. Participation in a procession is not a cause for which you should be killed. Any person who kills a person in a procession is condemned by us". Religious leaders would not compromise their position by discussing processions with the martial law authorities.

The underlying division of opinion between moderate preachers and fundamentalists of Islam is not caused by recent events but dates back centuries, and in particular since the 1906 constitution gave *Iran the trappings of a liberal* constitution monarchy. The clergy splits between those who believe that such a system can generate civil laws which are consistent with the principles of Islam—and can be redeemed even when such a system has been abused like it has by the Shah and his father—and those who believe that true Islam cannot recognize a division between church and state and that the only laws should be Islamic ones.

The situation at Qom is charged by the fact that the Shia sect in Iran now has no single authoritative leader, but a collective leadership of six Ayatollahs who must speak as one unless and until one single *authority above all the others* clearly "emerges" as the Shia "source of all imitation" called the Marja-al-Taqlid.

Iran Shiites have not had such a venerable figure since 1960. Such a man alone can declare a holy war (jehad). In the present situation any one of the six Ayatollahs could do so, but only because it is assumed that he would be speaking for them all.

This must be a source of worry for the Iran-based Ayatollahs, since Ayatollah Khomeini's isolation, and his absolutism, must raise the risk that he would unilaterally launch a call for holy war against the "unbelieving" Shah, without observing the convention that this position must be cleared and confirmed by all the other Ayatollahs. The elders at Qom would then have to go along with him or else admit to a terrible schism.

Asked whether it was conceivable in any circumstances that Iranians opposed to the Shah could be summoned to a holy war against Iranians loyal to him, Ayatollah Shariat Madari said: "We hope circumstances don't reach that stage. But he would not reject the notion out of hand. Moreover Islamic teachers then made it clear that once a call for holy war goes out from the responsible religious authority, there is no disputing it and anyone who disregards it *is no longer* considered to be a member of the Shia community, so religious schism could not occur.

Iranians are aware that these questions are not just esoteric religious debating points like the number of angles on a pinhead. They are a matter of life and death to most ordinary Iranians now experiencing a great resurgence of religious enthusiasm and very involved with their mosques.

The mosque in an ordinary Iranian life is like a cross between a non-conformist chapel and a working men's club. It is often the only form of social gathering; it provides superior welfare services than the state, such as in the recent earthquake disaster; and during the period when free political thinking has been suppressed, it has been the only forum for dissent.

Officials believe that the mosque has been penetrated by communists and that many of the 180,000 mullahs and 60,000 theological students have been subverted to a left-wing ideology. The loose structure of the Shia community without formal organization or heirarchy, would facilitate that.

However, the underlying ethos of the sect has always been one of opposition to oppression—originally by the then more numerous Sunni Muslims and then, when the *Shia branch of Islam became* the state religion, against any government which seemed to stray from Islamic principles.

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e officials decline to precisely how the criteria are to be tightened, they admit "we are looking at the whole programme again".

Criticism has been focussed mainly on the fact that "the grants are made without control over the manner in which they are spent, but are intended as an expression of commitment to the cause of economic, social and political justice".

He pointed out that this had been the aim of the Rev David Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and a member of the world body's central committee, in introducing a proposal for reconsideration of the criteria at the council's last annual assembly in Nairobi three years ago. The move was defeated.

Freedom foundation named as Pretoria-funded 'front'

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, November 24

Yet another supposedly independent organization has been exposed as a South African Government "front" financed out of public funds. The organization is the Southern African Freedom Foundation (SAFF) which had similar aims to another exposed "front" organization, the Foreign Affairs Association—namely to project a good image of South Africa among influential people overseas.

The foundation paid for a number of visitors from Britain and the United States to visit South Africa. They included General Sir Walter Walker and his wife, Rear Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles, MP, and his wife, and Mr Robert Moss, a journalist. None of these people knew their trips were paid for by the government.

Mr Red Metrowich, the foundation's chairman, admitted at a press conference today that he received a government salary and that SAFF had received about 500,000 rand (£300,000) from a secret government source since it was set up two and a half years ago.

He added that Dr Eschel Rhoodie, the former Secretary for Information who is a central figure in the Department of Information scandal, was personally behind the founding.

As in the case with the Foreign Affairs Association, SAAF had repeatedly insisted that it was privately funded.

Mrs Bhutto faces prosecution

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, Nov 24

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, the acting chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, and wife of Mr Zulfikar Bhutto, the former prime minister, has been barred from taking part in political activities after the Government's decision to prosecute her on unspecified charges of misconduct before a tribunal consisting of an Army brigadier and a civilian judge.

It was stated in Karachi that the Sind provincial government has referred the charges of misconduct against Mrs Bhutto, a former member of Parliament, to the tribunal. Details of the charges will be known when Mrs Bhutto is directed to answer them.

Mrs Bhutto has been acting chairman of the party since the Lahore High Court sentenced her husband to death. Mr Bhutto's appeal is now before the Supreme Court.

Mrs Bhutto was expected to preside over a meeting of the party's central executive on Thursday for the first time since her release from house arrest last week.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court which has been hearing Mr Bhutto's appeal against death sentence for the past six months, again postponed the hearing due for tomorrow. The hearing was interrupted because of the illness of one of the eight judges involved in hearing the case.

No date has been fixed for the resumption of the hearing.

According to a Karachi newspaper report, two former senior ministers of Mr Bhutto's cabinet—*Mr Abdul Hafeez Pirzada* and Mr Mumtaz Ali Bhutto—who have been under arrest for more than a year, have been allowed to return to their respective homes in Karachi.

Their plea to secure transfer from jail to their homes in order to facilitate the preparation of their cases against detention under martial law, was accepted by the Sind High Court yesterday.

Cyclone strikes Sri Lanka

Colombo, Nov 24.—At least 17 people have died in earthslips caused by a cyclone that struck the east coast of Sri Lanka last night and spread across the island.

Several thousands have been marooned and left homeless by flood waters. Road and rail communications were disrupted.

Correction

A report from our Ottawa Correspondent published on August 26 said the Canadian Bar Association had proposed the replacement of the Queen by an elected Canadian as head of state. The suggestion was in fact made in a paper prepared for debate by the association's committee on constitutional reform.

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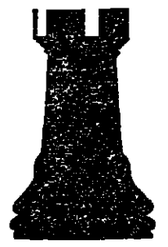
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Saturday Review

In dreams begin responsibilities

by Delmore Schwartz



Paul

Delmore Schwartz is perhaps best remembered today as the model for the tortured though brilliant poet Von Humboldt Fleisher of Saul Bellow's novel *Humboldt's Gift*. He grew up a Jew in New York and it is this background that colours all his writing. He first received public acclaim with this, his most famous story. Written in a weekend when he was only 21, it was published two years later in 1937 in the first issue of a new magazine—*Partisan Review*. From that day *Partisan Review* became the most celebrated literary journal in America, and Delmore Schwartz was received as a kind of premature intellectual giant. Vladimir Nabokov named *In Dreams Begin Responsibilities* as one of his "half a dozen favourites" in contemporary American fiction.

In 1938, Schwartz published his first book, also called *In Dreams Begin Responsibilities*, which included his poetry. "From then on", wrote his biographer, James Atlas, "Schwartz's reputation as a poet was secure. He was the first of the new generation to establish his own voice, and at a remarkably young age; he had just turned 24 the week of publication."

In 1943 he published a 200-page poem, *Genesis*". According to James Atlas, he "had expected *Genesis* to establish his reputation as a great American poet; it was to have taken its place beside Pound's *Cantos* and *The Waste Land* among the major poems of his time, and when the critics proved indifferent to its virtues, he was inconsolable. During the mid-1940s he began one story after another about a failed writer whose hopes had come to nothing. It was in this period that signs of Schwartz's eventual tragic decline became apparent, and his prose grew impossibly diffuse."

His marriage was breaking up and he became increasingly dependent upon alcohol, barbiturates and amphetamines. A trend to paranoia and self-pity had begun. Although he was to publish a few stories and poems in the 1950s and 1960s, his successes were in the past. He died alone in a New York hotel, at the age of 53, in 1966.

I think it is the year 1909. I feel as if I were in a motion picture theatre, the long arm of light crossing the darkness and spinning, my eyes fixed on the screen. This is a silent picture as if an old Biograph one, in which the actors are dressed in ridiculously old-fashioned clothes, and one flash succeeds another with sudden jumps. The actors too seem to jump about and walk too fast. The shots themselves are full of dots and rays, as if it were raining when the picture was photographed. The light is bad.

It is Sunday afternoon, June 12, 1909, and my father is walking down the quiet streets of Brooklyn on his way to visit my mother. His clothes are newly pressed and his tie is too tight in his high collar. He jingles the coins in his pockets, thinking of the witty things he will say. I feel as if I had by now relaxed entirely in the soft darkness of the theatre; the organist peals out the obvious and approximate emotions on which the audience rocks unknowingly. I am anonymous, and I have forgotten myself. It is always so when one goes to the movies. It is, as they say, a drug.

My father walks from street to street of trees, lawns and houses, once in a while coming to an avenue on which a streetcar skates and gnaws, slowly progressing. The conductor, who has a handle-bar moustache helps a young lady wearing a hat like a bowl with feathers on to the car. She lifts her long skirts slightly as she mounts the steps. He leisurely makes change and rings his bell. It is obviously Sunday, for everyone is wearing Sunday clothes, and the street-car's noises emphasize the quiet of the holiday. Is not Brooklyn the City of Churches? The shops are closed and their shades drawn, but for an occasional stationery store or drug-store with great green balls in the window.

My father has chosen to take this long walk because he likes to walk and think. He thinks about himself in the future, and so arrives at the place he is to visit in a state of mild exaltation. He pays no attention to the houses he is passing, in which the Sunday dinner is being eaten, nor to the many trees which parrol each street, now coming to their full leafage and the time when they will room the whole street in cool shadow. An occasional carriage passes, the horse's hooves falling like stones in the quiet afternoon, and once in a while an automobile, looking like an enormous upholstered sofa, puffs and passes.

My father thinks of my mother, of how nice it will be to introduce her to his family. But he is not yet sure that he wants to marry her, and once in a while he becomes panicky about the bond already established. He reassures himself by thinking of the big men he admires who are married: William Randolph Hearst, and William Howard Taft, who has just become President of the United States.

My father arrives at my mother's house. He has come too early and so is suddenly embarrassed. My aunt, my mother's sister, answers the loud bell with her napkin in her hand, for the family is still at dinner. As my father enters, my grandfather rises from the table and shakes hands with him. My mother has run upstairs to tidy herself. My grandmother asks my father if he has had dinner, and tells him that Rose will be downstairs soon. My grandfather opens the conversation by remarking on the mild June weather. My father sits uncomfortably near the table, holding his hat in his hand. My grandmother tells my aunt to take my father's hat. My uncle, 12 years old, runs into the house his hair tousled. He shouts a greeting to my father, who has often given him a nickel, and then runs upstairs. It is evident that the respect in which my father is held in this household is tempered by a good deal of mirth. He is impressive, yet he is very awkward.

Finally my mother comes downstairs, all dressed up, and my father being engaged in conversation with my grandfather becomes uneasy, not knowing whether to greet my mother or continue the conversation. He gets up from the chair clumsily and says "hello" gruffly. My grandfather watches, examining their congruence, such as it is, with a critical eye, and meanwhile rubbing his bearded cheek roughly, as he always does when he reflects. He is worried; he is afraid that my father will not make a good husband for his oldest daughter. At this point something happens to the film; just as my father is saying something funny to my mother; I am awakened to myself and my unhappiness just as my interest was rising. The audience begins to clap impatiently. Then the trouble is cared for but the film has been returned to a portion just shown, and once more I see my grandfather rubbing his bearded cheek and pondering my father's character. It is difficult to get back into the picture once more and forget myself, but as my mother giggles at my father's words, the darkness drowns me.

My father and mother depart from the house, my father shaking hands with my mother once more, out of some unknown uneasiness. I stir uneasily also, slouched in the hard chair of the theatre. Where is the older uncle, my mother's older brother? He is studying in his bedroom upstairs, studying for his final examination at the College of the City of New York, having been dead of rapid pneumonia for the last twenty-one years. My mother and father walk down the same quiet streets once more. My mother is holding my father's arm and telling him of the novel which she has been reading; and my father utters judgments on the characters as the plot is made clear to him. This is a habit which he very much enjoys, for he feels the utmost superiority and confidence when he approves and condemns the behaviour of other people. At times he feels moved to utter a brief "Ugh"—whenever the story becomes what he would call sugary. This tribute is paid to his manliness. My mother feels satisfied by the interest which she has awakened; she is showing my father how intelligent she is, and how interesting.

They reach the avenue, and the street-car leisurely arrives. They are going to Coney Island this afternoon, although my mother considers that such pleasures are inferior. She has made up her mind to indulge only in a walk on the boardwalk and a pleasant dinner, avoiding the riotous amusements as being beneath the dignity of so dignified a couple.

My father tells my mother how much money he has made in the past week, exaggerating an amount which need not have been exaggerated. But my father has always felt that actualities somehow fall short. Suddenly I begin to weep. The determined old lady who sits next to me in the theatre is annoyed and looks at me with an angry face, and being intimidated, I stop. I drag out my handkerchief and dry my face, taking the drop which has fallen near my lips. Meanwhile I have missed something, for here are my mother and father alighting at the last stop, Coney Island.

They walk toward the boardwalk, and my father commands my mother to inhale the pungent air from the sea. They both breathe in deeply, both of them laughing as they do so. They have in common a great interest in health, although my father is strong and husky, my mother frail. Their minds are full of theories of what is good to eat and not good to eat, and sometimes they engage in heated discussions of the subject, the whole matter ending in my father's announcement, made with a scornful bluster, that you have to die sooner or later anyway. On the boardwalk's flagpole, the American flag is pulsing in an intermittent wind from the sea.

My father and mother go to the rail of the boardwalk and look down on the beach where a good many bathers are casually walking about. A few are in the surf. A peanut whistle pierces the air with its pleasant and active whine, and my father goes to buy peanuts. My mother remains at the rail and stares at the ocean. The ocean seems merry to her; it pointedly sparkles and again and again the pony waves are released. She notices the children digging in the wet sand, and the bathing costumes of the girls who are her own age. My father returns with the peanuts. Overhead the sun's lightning strikes and strikes, but neither of them are at all aware of it. The boardwalk is full of people dressed in their Sunday clothes and idly strolling. The tide does not reach as far as the boardwalk, and the strollers would feel no danger if it did. My mother and father lean on the rail of the boardwalk and absently stare at the ocean. The ocean is becoming rough; the waves come in slowly, tugging strength from far back. The moment before they somersault, the moment when they arch their backs so beautifully, showing green and white veins amid the black, that moment is intolerable. They finally crack, dashing fiercely upon the sand, actually driving, full force downward, against the sand, bouncing upward and forward, and at last petering out into a small stream which races up the beach and then is recalled. My parents gaze absentmindedly at the ocean, scarcely interested in its harshness. The sun overhead does not disturb them. But I stare at the terrible sun which breaks up sight, and the fatal, merciless, passionate ocean. I forget my parents. I stare fascinated and finally, shocked by the indifference of my father and mother, I burst out weeping once more. The old lady next to me pats me on the shoulder and says: "There, there, all of this is only a movie, young man, only a movie", but I look up once more at the terrifying sun and the terrifying ocean, and being unable to control my tears, I get up and go to the men's room, stumbling over the feet of the other people seated in my row.

When I return, feeling as if I had awakened in the morning sick for lack of sleep, several hours have apparently passed and my parents are riding on the merry-go-round. My father is on a black horse, my mother on a white one, and they seem to be making an eternal circuit for the single purpose of snatching the nickel rings which are attached to the arm of one of the posts. A hand-organ is playing; it is one with the ceaseless circling of the merry-go-round.

For a moment it seems that they will never get off the merry-go-round because it will never stop. I feel like one who looks down on the avenue from the fiftieth story of a building. But at length they do get off; even the music of the hand-organ has ceased for a moment. My father has acquired 10 rings, my mother only two, although it was my mother who really wanted them.

They walk on along the boardwalk as the afternoon descends by imperceptible degrees into the incredible violet of dusk. Everything fades into a relaxed glow, even the ceaseless murmuring from the beach, and the revolutions of the merry-go-round. They look for a place to have dinner. My father suggests the best one on the boardwalk and my mother demurs, in accordance with her principles.

However, they do go to the best place, asking for a table near the window, so that they can look out on the boardwalk and the mobile ocean. My father feels omnipotent as he places a quarter in the waiter's hand as he asks for a table. The place is crowded and here, too, there is music, this time from a kind of string trio. My father orders dinner with a fine confidence.

As the dinner is eaten, my father tells of his plans for the future, and my mother shows with expressive face how interested she is, and how impressed. My father becomes exultant. He is lifted up by the waltz that is being played, and his own future begins to intoxicate him. My father tells my mother that he is going to expand his business, for there is a great deal of money to be made. He wants to settle down. After all, he is 29, he has lived by himself since he was 13, he is making more and more money, and he is envious of his married friends when he visits them in the cozy security of their homes, surrounded, it seems, by the calm domestic pleasures, and by delightful children, and then, as the waltz reaches the moment when all the dancers swing madly, then, then with awful daring, then he asks my mother to marry him, although awkwardly enough and puzzled, even in his excitement, at how he had arrived at the proposal, and she, to make the whole business worse, begins to cry, and my father looks nervously about, not knowing at all what to do now, and my mother says: "It's all I've wanted from the moment I saw you", sobbing, and he finds all of this very difficult, scarcely to his taste, scarcely as he had thought it would be, on his long walks over Brooklyn Bridge in the revery of a fine cigar, and it was then that I stood up in the theatre and shouted: "Don't do it. It's not too late to change your minds, both of you. Nothing good will come of it, only remorse, hatred, scandal, and two children whose characters are monstrous." The whole audience turned to look at me, annoyed, the usher came hurrying down the aisle flashing his searchlight, and the old lady next to me tugged me down into my seat, saying: "Be quiet. You'll be put out, and you paid 35 cents to come in." And so I shut my eyes because I could not bear to see what was happening. I sat there quietly.

But after a while I begin to take brief glimpses, and at length I watch again with shiny interest, like a child who wants to maintain his sulk although offered the bribe of candy. My parents are now having their picture taken in a photographer's booth along the boardwalk. The place is shadowed in the mauve light which is apparently necessary. The camera is set to the side on its tripod and looks like a Martian man. The photographer is instructing my parents in how to pose. My father has his arm over my mother's shoulder, and both of them smile emphatically. The photographer brings my mother a bouquet of flowers to hold in her hand but she holds it at the wrong angle. Then the photographer covers himself with the black cloth which drapes the camera and all that one sees of him is one protruding arm and his hand which clutches the rubber ball which he will squeeze when the picture is finally taken. But he is not satisfied with their appearance. He feels with certainty that somehow there is something wrong in their pose. Again and again he issues from his hidden place with new directions. Each suggestion merely makes matters worse. My father is becoming impatient. They try a seated pose. The photographer explains that he has pride, he is not interested in all of this for the money, he wants to make beautiful pictures. My father says: "Hurry up, will you? We haven't got all night." But the photographer only scurries about apologetically, and issues new directions. The photographer charms me. I approve of him with all my heart, for I know just how he feels, and as he criticizes each revised pose according to some unknown idea of rightness, I become quite hopeful. But then my father says angrily: "Come on, you've had enough time, we're not going to wait any longer." And the photographer, sighing unhappily, goes back under his black covering, holds out his hand, says: "One, two, three. Now!" and the picture is taken, with my father's smile turned to a grimace and my mother's bright and false. It takes a few minutes for the picture to be developed and as my parents sit in the curious light they become quite depressed.

They have passed a fortune-teller's booth, and my mother wishes to go in, but my father does not. They begin to argue about it. My mother becomes stubborn, my father once more impatient, and then they begin to quarrel, and what my father would like to do is walk off and leave my mother there, but he knows that that would never do. Mother refuses to budge. She is near to tears, but she feels an uncontrollable desire to hear what the palm-reader will say. My father consents angrily, and they both go into a booth which is in a way like the photographer's, since it is draped in black cloth and its light is shadowed. The place is too warm, and my father keeps saying this is all nonsense, pointing to the crystal ball on the table. The fortune-teller, a fat, short woman garbed in what is supposed to be Oriental robes, comes into the room from the back, greets them, speaking with an accent. But suddenly my father feels that the whole thing is intolerable; he tugs at my mother's arm, but my mother refuses to budge. And then a terrible anger, my father strides out, leaving my mother stunned. She moves to go after my father, but the fortune-teller holds her arm tightly and begs her not to do so. I in my seat am shocked more than can ever be said. I feel as if I were walking a tight-rope a hundred feet above a circus-audience and suddenly the rope is showing signs of breaking, and I get up from my seat and begin to scream once more the first words that can think of to communicate my terrible fear and anguish, but more the usher comes hurrying down the aisle flashing his searchlight, and the old lady pleads with me, and the shocked audience has turned to stare at me, and I am still shouting: "What are they doing? Don't they know what they are doing? Why does my mother go after my father? If she does not do that, what will she do? Doesn't my father know what he is doing?"—But the usher has seized my arm and is dragging me away, and as he does so, he says: "What are you doing? Don't you know that you can't do whatever you want to do? Why should a young man like you, with your whole life before you, get hysterical like this? Why don't you *think* of what you are doing? You can't act like this, even if other people are around! You will be sorry if you do not do what you should do, you can't carry on like this, it is not right, you will find that one soon ends everything you do matters very much", and he said that as I was dragging me through the lobby of the theatre into the cold air and I woke up into the bleak winter morning of my two-and-a-half first birthday, the window shade shining with its lip of yellow light and the morning already begun.

This is the title story of a collection of more Schwartz collection to be reissued by Secker and Warburg on December 4. The book, at £4.90, is edited with an introduction by James Atlas. The foreword is by Irving Howe

Records of the month

The ice girl princess

"In questa reggia", unfolded with supple line and beguiling nuance, has the effect of a dream-prelude. At "*Straniero, ascolta*", the beginning of the riddle scene, the covers are off, and a terrifying malevolence takes control of the voice as she gloats over her prey, undaunted even by his correct answers. She is first disguised as ice, not ice herself, whatever her third riddle may pretend; so in Alfano's final duet Caballé is able convincingly to convey the passage from hatred to love—seldom has Alfano's work sounded so apt and ingratiating.

Here, as in the riddles, Caballé sings as if drawing inspiration from the excellence of her sometime *protégé*, Jose Carreras, a warm and robust Calaf, likewise both of them from the sensitive, compact Liu of Mirella Freni and all from the conducting of Alain Lombard who evinces a special talent in the unfolding of a Puccini act as a single design, even if he essays some perilously quick tempi.

Vicente Sardinero's Ping and Paul Plishka's Timur are among the other pleasures of the new set. David Mottley, who produced it for EMI, provides plenty of atmosphere for the big scenes.

Let's Make an Opera, the entertainment which reaches fruition in Britten's *The Little Sweep*, has been a popular attraction for nearly three decades and for most of that time the Decca recording, conducted by the composer, has reigned unchallenged. Now EMI has taken the plunge, stereo recording as much a justification as any—lucky Brook children to have such a roomy nursery, some compensation for their battlease Nanny, Heather Begg in full-some port-wine voice. The new generation of principal boys and girls, from the famous Finchley Group, proves dependable in speech and song, natural and sensibly paced (Sam Monck, in the namepart, might enjoyably have attempted a Suffolk accent, to be up-sides with Robert Tear and Robert Lloyd who offer vintage South Wales and Essex, respectively).

The vivacious conductor, Philip Ledger, makes a link with Britten's. Aldeburgh and with Cambridge whose choral scholars join in the audience's songs, themselves most effective in the Decca version. The EMI excels in the ensembles. "O why do you weep?" "Is he wounded?" and, my permanent favourite, "Help, help, she's collapsed," an unforgettable opening line. The new record should provide cheerful Christmas home entertainment for many a family, though for the price I would expect printed words, at least for the audience's songs.

Daphne is one of Richard Strauss's last operas, a Greek pastoral, blissfully lyrical with strong dramatic interludes. The DG set is a reissue of a live recording made in the rebuilt theater an der Wien, with some stage thumps, cuts, inaccuracies, but plenty else to enjoy, including Hilde Gueden at her most endearing.

CBS's coupling of Faure's *Requiem* with the choral *Pavane* is no new idea (there are three others in the catalogue, four more with another fill-up, or none). Andrew Davis conducts a weighty account, at times almost Wagnerian, strongly sung and played, the Tooting acoustics not always ideally recessed, *Pie Jesu* with *Lucia Popp particularly touching*, the whole not markedly superior to several of its rivals (eg, CFP Cluytens, or HMV Barenboim).

Frederica von Stade's recital disc, with Martin Katz, begins none too certainly with Dowland and Purcell, finds stylish form and full vocal distinction in groups of Liszt and Debussy (the *Chansons de Bilitis* especially lovely), then falls away slightly into folksongs and a regrettable parlour-encore. The beauty of the voice, the superior musical intelligence, known to her admirers, are often in evidence, though the *level of achievement is uneven.*

William Mann



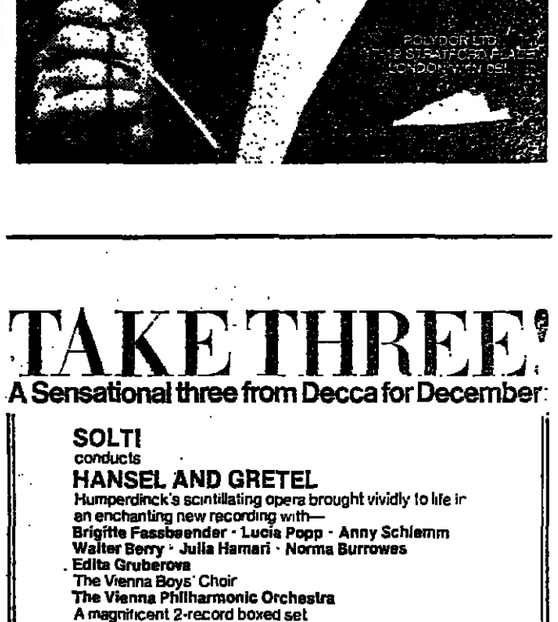
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"In questa reggia", unfolded with supple line and beguiling nuance, has the effect of a dream-prelude. At "*Straniero, ascolta*", the beginning of the riddle scene, the covers are off, and a terrifying malevolence takes control of the voice as she gloats over her prey, undaunted even by his correct answers. She is first disguised as ice, not ice herself, whatever her third riddle may pretend; so in Alfano's final duet Caballé is able convincingly to convey the passage from hatred to love—seldom has Alfano's work sounded so apt and ingratiating.

Here, as in the riddles, Caballé sings as if drawing inspiration from the excellence of her sometime *protégé*, Jose Carreras, a warm and robust Calaf, likewise both of them from the sensitive, compact Liu of Mirella Freni and all from the conducting of Alain Lombard who evinces a special talent in the unfolding of a Puccini act as a single design, even if he essays some perilously quick tempi.

Vicente Sardinero's Ping and Paul Plishka's Timur are among the other pleasures of the new set. David Mottley, who produced it for EMI, provides plenty of atmosphere for the big scenes.

Let's Make an Opera, the entertainment which reaches fruition in Britten's *The Little Sweep*, has been a popular pieces as an agreeable fill-up. Excellent choral and orchestral work, energetic conducting, good soloists (Jennifer Smith, Helen Watts, Robert Tear who contributes a moving "Et incarnatus" to the later work—and Benjamin Luxon).

In Mozart's K314 oboe concerto, the Dutch player Han de Vries shows himself an assured player, with clean articulation, and some nice touches in the timing of detail. English listeners may find his tone rather light and thin. The work on the second side, an oboe concerto in E flat that once was attributed to Mozart but clearly was written some time after his death, is of little interest. The two Vieuxtemps concertos on Perlman's new disc, however, turn out somewhat to my surprise to be music of real power and poetry. Barenboim brings to the orchestral music due weight and seriousness; Perlman brings to the solo part tone of the utmost purity and beauty, a fine classical sense of line (the music, composed in the 1850s, is remarkably classical in feeling, conservative, yet in no sense reactionary) and a superb command of technique.

Johann Dismas Zelenka (1679-1745) was a Bohemian who worked at the Dresden court. These three discs contain a sinfonia, an overture, a concerto, a piece called *Hipocondrie* and five capriccios. "Capricious" is the word. Zelenka's music is close in manner to Telemann's, but is always doing odd things: the lines twist unpredictably, the harmonies take an eccentric turn, the textures become convoluted. It is entertaining music, with never—well, hardly ever—a dull moment. Sound, quite stylish performances, with Barry Tuckwell in command of the stratospheric horn parts.

The Academy of Ancient Music's new Vivaldi disc strikes me as one of their least successful. For a start, much of the music is of indifferent quality—sequences of scales and arpeggios, the harmony pinned to tonic and dominant: second, the playing, of pairs of trumpets, cellos and flutes alike, is often ill-tuned. The whole thing has a perfunctory air. The *Water Music* record is very much superior: light in its textures, dance-like in its rhythms, spic-and-span in ensemble, altogether splendidly spirited and a colourful recreation—and as near to a truthful one as we are likely to get—of George I's historic night on and about the Thames in 1717. For those whose ears are not yet attuned to authentic instruments, Charles Mackerras's new version from Prague provides what might be called a good oldfashioned, modern recording, lively and musical; inevitably, tempos are slower and textures thicker than ideal, and some may find the vibrant horns inapt to the music.

Stanley Sadie

Sympathy

***Schumann*: Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54.**
Chopin: Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor, Op 21, Martha Argerich/National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, Mstislav Rostropovich. DG 2531 042 £4.35 3301 042 £4.50.
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A happy sleeve-picture shows both Martha Argerich and Rostropovich wreathed in smiles, sharing a joke. Sympathy between them seems just as spontaneous and close throughout both the Chopin and Schumann concertos, which carry the stamp of Argerich's own inflammable temperament in every bar. Few of her rivals do more to banish all thoughts of the young Chopin as an effeminate drawing-room charmer. Glintingly as the bravura is despatched, there is burning ardour behind it, with not a *con forza* marking unstressed. If the main theme of the Larghetto lacks a little of its true calm and poise, certainly Miss Argerich comes into her own when tension mounts in the middle section.

In Schumann's first movement she seems out to emphasize the contrast between rather than to integrate the Florestan and Eusebius in the composer, with the Florestan a more fiery fellow than we often meet. There is sentiment without sentimentality in the slow movement, where, as in Chopin's, interplay with the orchestra is intimate. Always Rostropovich provides her with succulent support, so that the *charges normally levelled* against Chopin's meagreness in this context become meaningless. In sum, exuberantly romantic performances with never a dull moment.

Harriet Cohen's friends and admirers will welcome the anthology on sale in aid of the Music Awards Trust in her memory. Appropriately, Bach's D minor concerto comes first as reminder of the control of dynamics and rhythm that won her an international reputation in music of this period, with Bax's ingratiating "Morning Song" for piano and orchestra, written for our present *Queen's twenty-first birthday*, as equally welcome testimony to her spirit of adventure and way of persuading contemporary composers to write for her—even the pianistically reluctant Vaughan Williams, whose Hymn Tune Prelude is included among the second-side solos. This and Falla's "Andaluza" and Turina's "Danza de la Seducción" (the last taken from a BBC broadcast and personally introduced by her) are much more stylish and pleasing than Mozart's C major sonata (K330) and two studies by Chopin. Dating from 1932-47 the recordings are lacklustre but otherwise true.

Michelangeli's name is so distinguished and his recordings, like his personal appearances, are so rare that one awaits his every quaver like a pronouncement from the Delphic Oracle. Pianistically he rarely disappoints. His command and control are legendary, and they remain so in this new Debussy disc. That said, it would not be my first choice when out shopping for the *Préludes*. The recorded tone is splendidly rich and true, but I often thought the sonority almost too firm for this *composer's sound-world. Moreover*, impressionist music of this kind can lose as much as it gains from being so intellectually laid bare at tempo so deliberate. Comparison with the young Michel Beroff's recording emphasizes Michelangeli's constant preference for slow speed, considerably slower than the composer's own metronome markings in instances as unlike as the measured "Des pas sur la neige" and the animated "Les collines d'Anacapri"—and others. Even the Puck evoked in No XI is more like an eccentric don than someone who could *put a girdle round about the* earth in 40 minutes. Beroff in his turn is sometimes too mercurial, but I still prefer his fluidity, charm and atmospheric magic.

Radu Lupu has always been very closely attuned to Brahms. In his new recital he combines judiciously chosen tempi with the mellowness of tone and intimacy of spirit required by all the composer's more personal confessions in Op 118 and Op 119. A little more temperament might not have come amiss in one or two more demonstrative moods, and particularly in the G minor Rhapsody included as fill-up, but these works have a rich, warm glow of Lupu's own besides respect for the noble architect in Brahms.

The German pianist, Christian Zacharias, now 28, is new to the catalogue. Landmarks in his career include second prizes at Geneva in 1969 and Fort Worth in 1973, but it was not the best of luck having to make his gramophone debut in Schubert's G major sonata, D894, already supremely well recorded by artists like Lupu and Brendel (with generous fill-ups from them into the bargain). Zacharias emerges a *little anonymous in comparison* with their more potent and spontaneous-sounding exploration, but he is a respectful musician, blessedly free of idiosyncratic self display.

Joan Chissell

Lyricism

Schubert: Symphonies Nos 4 and 8. Chicago SO/Giulini. DG 2531 047, £4.35 3301 047, £4.50
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Elgar: Violin Concerto. Haendel, LPO/Boult. EMI ASD 3598, £4.40. TC-ASD 3598, £4.60

Carlo Maria Giulini's new Schubert record, released during the month when we are remembering the 150th anniversary of the composer's death, is a specially fitting and welcome issue. Giulini gives us the two minor-mode symphonies rendered with unparalleled strength and, at the same time, lyrical fullness. His "Unfinished" is a monumental splendour, moving on a grand swell of tone and form, but even more remarkable is his performance of the "Tragic" symphony, which can too easily be underestimated as Schubert's attempt to do things better done by Beethoven. Here it is a totally compelling work with its own vein of lyrical tragedy, powerfully urged and thriving on the supreme confidence displayed equally by conductor and orchestra.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, instantly recognizable for their magnificence in Giulini's Schubert, are again to be heard in Daniel Barenboim's recording of Bruckner's sixth symphony, and again their contribution is greatly cheering. In the first movement the brass blaze, exultant but finely honed, adding exact points of emphasis to a well placed reading. Barenboim's judgment is also unerring in the middle movements, his approach intensely *contemplative* in the adagio. The finale, however, is disappointing indeed. Changes of tempo are not integrated, and the music dissolves into a sequence of episodes

Lorin Maazel approaches something like Brucknerian spaciousness in his new recording of Brahms's third symphony, but here the effect is often to give a surprising foretaste of Sibelius. This comes, I think, not only from his steady, sweeping tempos but also from the feeling he generates of passion within calmness. The cool poise of the Cleveland woodwind is an important feature here, and brings to the "St Antoni" variations an elegance purified of Viennese inwardness.

Any new set of Tchaikovsky symphonies is up against formidable competition, notably from Rostropovich, and Zubin Mehta's turns out to have no special claims to attention. Mehta does not include the indispensable *Manfred*; more importantly, his performances lack expressive subtlety. Too often there is a bald contrast between clean-limbed excitement and saccharine moodiness, both of which begin to *seem perfunctory.*

Another Russian symphony, Rachmaninov's second, may soon rival Tchaikovsky's last three in frequency of recording, for Edo de Waart now arrives with a version to follow the recent one from Yuri Temirkanov. His approach is *musically intelligent* and unusually sober, with phrasing which manages to achieve shapeliness without luxuriating in emotion. The quick refinement of the second movement is effective, but the finale is deprived of triumph, and though the performance argues well for Rachmaninov's strength as a symphonist, its aloofness ultimately seems unnatural to the work.

The new account of Elgar's violin concerto from Ida Haendel and Sir Adrian Boult is even more of a curiosity. Most surprising here are the extremely slow tempos, which sometimes give the impression of an action replay, a demonstration of the work rather than a performance. It is unfortunate that the sleeve-note writer should have chosen this opportunity to complain that the second movement's *Andante* marking is "too frequently interpreted as *Adagio*" when the whole work is similarly decelerated. The crawling pace gives Haendel room to bring out the angular muscularity of Elgar's solo writing as well as the serenity, but the performance cannot be regarded as other than eccentric.

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Philips originally launched their Festivo label a decade ago, and it has now been reintroduced to replace the current Universo series. The initial release consists mainly of reissues of familiar versions of popular classics, although there are some exceptions. Among the most attractive items are two sets of incidental music, one to a great play and the other to a reputedly awful one.

Haitink's 1966 account of the *Mendelssohn Midsummer Night's Dream* music is about as enchanting as the work itself. The Concertgebouw's playing has a most apt delicacy, as in the Scherzo, that is faithfully caught by the recording. Other movements, such as the Notturno with its lovely horn solo or the elfin March, are sensitively characterized. Schubert's music for Helmine von Chézy's *Rosamunde, Prinzessin von Cypern* is less consistent, less unified, than Mendelssohn's and, oddly enough, aside from "Der Vollmond strahlt", it is the vocal items, the choruses of shepherds, huntsmen and other bucolic beings, that seem relatively commonplace. The instrumental pieces, especially the three entr'actes, are memorable —and familiar—and are most sympathetically played on this 1965 recording.

The highlights of this batch, however, are the three Liszt symphonic poems, which originally appeared in 1969 as part of Haitink's set of all thirteen of these works. His *Orpheus* cannot efface memories of the old Beecham recording, yet is highly poetic, and *Les Préludes*, the only one of these pieces ever to be heard at concerts, is done without the usual bombast. Finest, though, is *Tasso*, a work that occupied Liszt's thoughts over a long period; indeed, it is a pity that the epilogue he composed in later years, *Le Triomphe Funebre de Tasso*, was not included on this disc.

Of more recent origin is Mayumi Fujikawa's recording of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, which first surfaced here in 1975. Hers is entirely musical playing, deft and with considerable lyrical warmth, though without the variety of dynamics a big concerto demands (or is this the recording's fault?). The one item considered here that is new to the local catalogue is Orozco's reading of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1, and it is unimpressive. It is, indeed, a brash performance of exactly the sort this piece does not need. De Waart and the Rotterdam Philharmonic take their cue from the soloist and are notably less responsive here than with Miss Fujikawa.

Nor can one be enthusiastic about Orozco in Rachmaninov. These performances of the Paganini Rhapsody and Concerto No 2 were, again, part of a complete set of this composer's works for piano and orchestra that first came out a year ago. They are straightahead affairs that convey little sense of involvement with the music on the part either of soloist or conductor. The Rhapsody's quickly shifting moods, for example, are treated with little insight, and in both pieces the recording balance can at many points be questioned.

Much better, and in fact highly enjoyable, are the Mozart works, these performances yet again being extracted from a longer series, the Academy of St Martin's 1971 "Rise of the Symphony", which also included items by J. C. Bach, Haydn and Beethoven. The "Haffner" in particular receives a lively and energetic performance, with a slightly clearer ensemble sound than usual in the outer movements because the flute and clarinet parts Mozart added later are here omitted. Marriner's reading of the G minor Symphony is well motivated, also, though is not on quite a large enough scale; and surely by this stage Mozart had in mind a larger orchestra than the Academy. Here, too, clarinet parts added later are left out, bringing the oboes into greater prominence and giving the music a drier tone.

The above account of Beethoven's Violin Concerto first came out in 1967, and Grumiaux recorded it again in 1975 with the Concertgebouw Orchestra under Colin Davis, a performance still available on Philips 6500 775. That later version is better recorded, of course, and has generally superior orchestral playing. But Grumiaux's earlier interpretation has more character—calm and fresh, *simple yet eloquent.*

Max Harrison

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BBC Concerts in December

Gennadi Rozhdestvensky

Wednesday, 6 December	See South Bank Panel—Royal Festival Hall.
Wednesday, 13 December 7.30 p.m. St. John's, Smith Square	Erich Gruenberg violin. Grieg Holberg Suite. Weill Concerto for violin and wind instruments. Hindemith Sinfonietta in E. £2.00, £1.00 from Box Office (01-222 1061) & Agents.
Friday, 22 December 7.30 p.m. St. John's, Smith Square	Ann Murray mezzo-soprano. Brian Burrows tenor. Stephen Roberts baritone. Paul Hudson bass. BBC Singers. Berlioz L'enfance du Christ. £3.00, £1.50, from Box Office (01-222 1061) & Agents.

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Thursday, 7 December 7.30 p.m. St. John's, Smith Square	Purcell and His Chapel Royal Contemporaries: The French Style. Nicholas Cleobury conductor. The King's Musick. Purcell O praise God in his holiness; I was glad; My beloved spake; Chacony. Also music by Humfrey, Cooke, Turner, Forcer and Blow. £1.50, £1.00 from Box Office (01-222 1061) & Agents.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Today 25 Nov 8 p.m.	LONDON WELSH FESTIVAL CHOIR Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Owain Arwel Hughes (conductor), Anne Edwards (sop), Janet Coster (m-sop); Arthur Davies (ten), Malcolm King (bass). Verdi Requiem Mass. There will be no interval during this performance. ALL SEATS SOLD. London Welsh Trust
Sunday 26 Nov 3.15 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA André Previn (conductor). Maurice Murphy (trumpet), Douglas Cummings (cello). Debussy Iberia; Haydn Trumpet Concerto; Strauss Don Quixote. £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) LSO Ltd.
Sunday 26 Nov 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA and Choir (ladies) Bernard Haitink (cond). Margaret Marshall (sop), Ann Murray (m-sop). Leslie Pearson (organ). Mendelssohn Incidental Music, A Midsummer Night's Dream; Saint Saëns Symphony No. 3 (organ). £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) LPO Ltd.
Monday 27 Nov 8 p.m.	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Paavo Berglund (conductor). Leonid Kogan (violin). Beethoven Violin Concerto; Bruckner Symphony No. 3. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 Western Orch. Soc. Ltd
Tuesday 28 Nov 8 p.m.	A NIGHT IN VIENNA Royal Philharmonic Orch. Alun Francis (con). Marilyn Hill Smith (sop). Prog inc: Arias from Die Fledermaus, Night in Venice, Casanova (J. Strauss II), Giuditta (Lehár). Waltzes, polkas and overtures by: Lehár, Schubert, Suppé, Strauss. £3.85, £3.50, £2.85, £2.30, £1.75, £1.20. Victor Hochhauser Ltd.
Wednesday 29 Nov 5.55 p.m.	GILLIAN WEIR Organ Recital. Happy Birthday Olivier Messiaen. Excerpts from: Les Corps Glorieux (1939); L'Ascension (1933); Messe de la Pentecôte (1950); La Nativité du Seigneur (1935). 75p (unreserved) Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 29 Nov 8 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Vladimir Ashkenazy (director/piano). Mozart Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K.550; Piano Concerto in B flat, K.595; Dvorák Serenade for strings in E, Op. 22. £4.00, £3.30, £2.60, £2.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) ECO & Music Soc. Ltd
Thursday 30 Nov 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Eduardo Mata (conductor), John Williams (guitar), Nati Mistral (soprano). Mozart Symphony No. 35 (Haffner); Ponce Guitar Concerto (Concierto del Sur); Falla El Amor Brujo (complete); Ravel Bolero. £5.00, £4.25, £3.50, £2.75, £2.00, £1.20 LSO Ltd.
Saturday 2 Dec 8 p.m.	KNELLER HALL BAND & TRUMPETERS, Bach Choir. Lt.-Col. C. Evans (cond) K. Livingstone, M. Collins, R. Edwards (slsts) K. Kendall (compere). Prog. inc: Exc. from La Traviata. Borodin Polovtsian Dances. Vaughan Williams Serenade to Music. Handel Hallelujah Chorus. £4.00, £3.00 (only) In Aid of Army Benevolent Fund
Sunday 3 Dec 3.15 p.m.	Schubert/Webern series. BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. BBC Singers. D. Atherton (cond.) and soloists. Prog. inc.: Webern Passacaglia, Op. 1; Siegfried Schwert & 3 Orchestral Studies (1st perfs). Schubert Claudine von Villa Bella. £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.20 Sinf. Prod Ltd.
Sunday 3 Dec 7.30 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA André Previn (conductor) Kyung-Wha Chung (violin) Rossini Overture, The Italian Girl in Algiers; Prokofiev Violin Concerto No 1; Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 2 (London). £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40, £1.80 (only) LSO Ltd.
Monday 4 Dec 8 p.m.	WREN ORCHESTRA Howard Snell (conductor) Diana Kasco (piano) Beethoven Overture, Leonora No. 2; Schumann Piano Concerto; Brahms Symphony No. 1. £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Wren Orchestra Ltd.
Tuesday 5 Dec 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos (conductor) John Lill (piano) Maxwell Davies First Fantasia on an In Nomine by John Taverner; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4; Brahms Symphony No. 2. £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.20 NPO Ltd.
Wednesday 6 Dec 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Gennadi Rozhdestvensky (conductor) Jill Gomez (soprano) Brian Burrows (tenor) Arvo Pärt Cantus to the memory of Benjamin Britten (UK Premiere); Hugh Wood Scenes from Comus; Dvorak Symphony No. 7. £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.20 BBC
Thursday 7 Dec 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Charles Groves (cond) Pierre Amoyal (violin) Borodin Overture, Prince Igor; Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5. £4.20, £3.60, £3.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.20 RPO Ltd.
Friday 8 Dec 8 p.m.	ERNEST READ SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. ERMA Choir. T. Lovett (cond) Handel Messiah Christmas Music; Bernstein Chichester Psalms; Carols for choir & audience. £3.8, £2.50, £2.00, £1.65 (only) Ernest Read Music Association

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 25 Nov 7.45 p.m.	AN EVENING OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN. London Concert Orchestra, London Chorale, Marcus Dods (cond.), Patricia Reakes, Jean Temperley, Edmund Bohan, John Heddle Nash. Excerpts from the Savoy Operas. £3.20, £2.80 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Raymond Gubbay
Sunday 26 Nov 3 p.m.	RUSSELL SHERMAN Piano Recital. Beethoven Sonata in D minor, Op. 31 No. 2; Liszt Etudes d'exécution transcendante. £2.20, £1.80, £1.30, £1.00 Ingpen and Williams Ltd.
Sunday 26 Nov 7.15 p.m.	ALBAN BERG QUARTET Haydn Op. 76, No. 2; Webern Op. 28; Beethoven Op. 59 No. 1. £3.50, £2.10, £1.80, £1.40, £1.00 Allied Artists Agency
Monday 27 Nov 7.45 p.m.	TURIBIO SANTOS Guitar. Bach Suite No. 1; Villa Lobos 5 Preludes; Albeniz Mallorca, Asturias; Granados La Maja de Goya; Danza Espanola No. 10; Nobre Momentos No. 2; Barrios Choro da Saudade; Pernambuco 3 Choros. £2.00, £1.60, £1.20, 80p Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Tuesday 28 Nov 7.45 p.m.	AN EVENING WITH ROSSINI and his contemporaries. New Chamber Soloists. Yvonne Kenny, Gillian Knight, Keith Lewis, Tom McDonnell, Malcolm King, Erich Greenberg, Peter Wallfisch (soloists), John Amis (narrator). A selection of Sonatas, Arias and Ensembles. £5.00, £4.00, £3.00, £2.00, £1.00 Rossini Assctn.
Wednesday 29 Nov 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR, English Baroque Orchestra. Leon Lovett (conductor) Monteverdi Vespers 1610. £3.20, £2.70, £2.20 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) English Baroque Choir
Thursday 30 Nov 7.45 p.m.	RADU LUPU Schubert Cycle. Fifth in a series of six recitals. Sonata in F sharp minor, D.570/571; Sonata in B, D.575; Sonata in A, D.959. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Harrison/Parrott Ltd.
Friday 1 Dec 7.45 p.m.	PALM COURT THEATRE ORCHESTRA Anthony Godwin (dir.), Linda Murray (sop.), David Norton (musical saw). An evening with Ian Wallace. Music from the elegant Edwardian Era to the witty sophisticated twenties. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 IBS International Marketing
Saturday 2 Dec 7.45 p.m.	LONDON ORPHEUS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA, Wanstead High School Choir. J. Gaddarn (cond) W. Evans, J. Barrow (alsts), L. Pearson (organ). Elgar Intro & Allegro for Strings; Britten Cantatas Misericordium; Saint Nicholas. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50 London Orpheus Choir
Sunday 3 Dec 3 p.m.	STEFAN ASKENASE Piano Recital. Bach Partita No. 1 in B flat; Haydn Sonata No. 13 in E; Sonata No. 52 in E flat; Chopin Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 35; Mendelssohn 5 Songs without Words; Scherzo in E minor. £2.25, £1.95, £1.65, £1.35, £1.00 John Higham Int. Artists Ltd.
Sunday 3 Dec 7.15 p.m.	AMADEUS QUARTET Haydn Quartet in C, Op. 74, No. 1; Smetana Quartet No. 1 in E minor, Op. 15, No. 2 (From My Life); Dvorak Quartet in F, Op. 96 (American). £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50 Ibbs & Tillett
Monday 4 Dec 7.45 p.m.	BARCLAYS BANK MUSICAL SOCIETY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA. H. Barnes (cond). Prog inc: Elgar Nursery Suite; Vaughan Williams English Folk Song Suite. Carols for choir and audience. £1.20, £1.00 Barclays Bank Musical Society
Tuesday 5 Dec 7.45 p.m.	JUILLIARD QUARTET (First of three recitals) Ralph Kirshbaum (cello). Haydn Quartet in D, Op. 71 No. 3; Bartók Quartet No. 3 in C sharp; Schubert Quintet in C, D.956. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Ingpen and Williams Ltd.
Wednesday 6 Dec 7.45 p.m.	A Booth Anniversary Concert: L'ESTRO ARMONICO ENSEMBLE. Derek Solomons (dir/violin), Mary Thomas (sop), Christopher Taylor (flute). Vivaldi Strong & flute concertos; Motet: Invicti bellate; Aria from "Orlando". £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Vivaldi Society
Thursday 7 Dec 7.45 p.m.	TERENCE JUDD Piano. Bartók Allegro Barbaro; Three Burlesques, Op. 8; Liszt Sonata in B minor. Schurmann Contrasts; Tchaikovsky Theme & Variations in F, Op. 19; Balakirev Islamey. £2.25, £1.95, £1.65, £1.35, £1.00 Ibbs and Tillett
Friday 8 Dec 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA M. Sidwell (cond). Handel Concerto Grosso Op. 6, 6; Vivaldi Bassoon Conc. in C; Bach Violin Conc. in E; Albinoni/Giazzotto Adagio for organ & strings; Handel Organ Conc. in D min., Op. 4, 10; Haydn Concertante in B flat. £2.90, £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.00

PURCELL ROOM

Sunday 26 Nov 7 p.m.	GEORGETTA PSAROS (mezzo-sop), ROGER HOLMES (piano) (please note change). Steven Kanoff (clarinet). Bach Partita No. 4 in D; Schubert 4 Impromptus, D.935; Mozart Aria for soprano & clarinet. £1.60, £1.30, £1.00 H. Jennings Conc. Agency
Monday 27 Nov 6 p.m.	NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS. An allusion to Messiaen's dependence on birdsong. Gillian Weir will give the talk prior to the recital in the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday, 29th November. 60p Royal Festival Hall
Monday 27 Nov 8 p.m.	MARY REMNANT Musical Instruments: The Age of Dunstable, Dufay & Josquin. Illustrated by colour slides and harp, psaltery, rebecs, fiddles, symphony, portative organ, shawm, chimebells, percussion, etc. £2.00, £1.50 (only) Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Tuesday 28 Nov 7.30 p.m.	RUTH GEIGER Piano Recital. Haydn Sonata No. 23 in F; Reizenstein Sonata No. 2, Op. 40; Lowenstein Mosaics (first performance); Schumann Humoresque. £1.50, £1.20, 80p Redcliffe Concerts of British Music
Wednesday 29 Nov 7.30 p.m.	TALLIS SCHOLARS, Jenkins Consort of Viols Peter Phillips (cond) Peaks of the English Renaissance. Works by Fayrfax, Cornysh, Browne, Weelkes, Tomkins, Gibbons and Byrd. £1.80, £1.30, £1.00 (only) The Tallis Scholars
Thursday 30 Nov 7.30 p.m.	GERALDINE O'GRADY (violin) HAVELOCK NELSON (piano) Programme includes: Villa-Lobos Premiere Sonata-Fantasie; Moeran Sonata; Martinon Sonatine, Op. 35, No. 1, for solo violin. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Ibbs and Tillett
Friday 1 Dec 7.30 p.m.	KATHRYN STOTT piano. A Leeds Prizewinner 1978. Mozart; Beethoven Eroica Variations; Liszt; Debussy; Copland; Chopin A flat Ballade; D flat Nocturne; C sharp minor Scherzo. £1.00 British Nat. Committee for Prevention of Blindness.

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Vivaldi: Concerto in C for 2 trumpets.
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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

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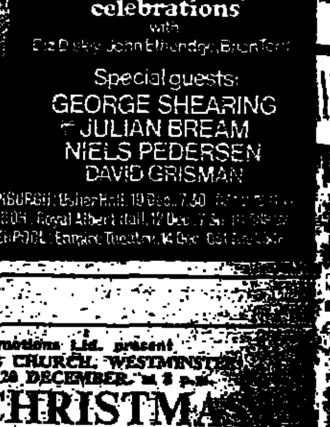
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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.10 am, Take Another Look: unsuspected life in your garden (r).
9.30, Multi-Coloured Swap Shop: Noel Edmond's guests are Mike Yarwood, Lulu and Dr Hook.
12.13 pm, Weather: with Jack Scott.
12.15, Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.45 and 1.10, Motor Sport (Lombard RAC Rally); 12.55, 1.20 and 1.55, Newbury Races; 1.40, Boxing, including Flint v Planque; 2.15, International Rugby Union: England v New Zealand; 4.05, International Cross-Country (the Schweppes International, from Gateshead); 4.40, Final Score.
5.15, Pink Panther: cartoons.
5.35, News, with Angela Rippon.
5.45, Sport/Regional News.
5.50, Basil Brush Show: Terry Wogan and Instant Sunshine are the guests.
6.20, Dr Who: part 1 of a new adventure. The Androids of Tara. Roman is captured by an evil count.
6.45, Larry Grayson's Generation Game: unsophisticated entertainment, including some prize-winning competitions.
7.40, All Creatures Great and Small: A girl from Tristan's past visits him.
8.30, Some Mothers do 'Ave 'Em: Frank and Betty take up Scottish dancing.
9.05, Starsky and Hutch: a psychopath called Harry is killing all Monique's lovers. But Harry is not what "he" seems.
9.55, News, with Angela Rippon.
10.05, Match of the Day: highlights from two of today's First Division games. Also the Goal of the Month competition.
11.05, Parkinson.

BBC 2

2.30, Film: Salty O'Rourke (1945)* Alan Ladd is the gambler who, to help repay a $20,000 debt, enters an unridable horse in a race. With Gail Russell, William Demarest.
4.05, Play Away: comedy show with music, starring Brian Cant, George Chisholm is the guest.
4.35, Horizon: repeat of last night's programme about the link between living creatures and electricity.
5.25, Play Sport: the A to Z of sports acrobatics, with the British Amateur Gymnastics Association.
5.50, My Music: answering the questions are Frank Muir, Denis Norden, John Amis and Ian Wallace.
6.15, The Old Grey Whistle Test: with American singer/songwriter Randy Newman (r).
6.55, News and sport/weather.
7.10, Network: a profile of George Guest, organist and choirmaster at St John's College, Cambridge.
7.40, Tosca: the Puccini opera, filmed in the story's actual Rome locations, with Placido Domingo, Sherill Milnes and (as Tosca) Raina Kabaivanska (see Personal Choice).
9.40, On the Record: Anthony Howard and Peter Fiddick (The Guardian) interview Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC.
10.10, Film: The Apple Game (1976) Czech comedy, set in a Prague maternity clinic (see David Robinson's Films on TV).
11.45, News and Weather.
11.50, Film: I Believe in You (1952)* British film about the probation service. Cast headed by Celia Johnson, Joan Collins and Cecil Parker.
1.25, Closedown.

London Weekend

8.50 am, The Saturday Banana: children's magazine, including Metal Mickey, the robot, and a phone-in.
9.00, Sesame Street: learning made easy—and enjoyable.
9.45, Saturday Banana: part two.
10.15, The Monkees: comedy about a pop group.
10.45, Saturday Banana: final section.
11.30, Tarzan: story of an attempt to take over the jungle's natural resources.
12.30 pm, World of Sport: the Line-up is: 12.35, Headline; 1.15, News; 1.20, Racing from Wolverhampton, the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45. From Wetherby, the 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00; 3.10, Motor Racing (Race of the Giants, from Macau); 3.50, Half-time Soccer Round-up; 4.00, Wrestling: heavyweight tag contest from Catford; 4.50, Results service.
5.05, News.
5.15, Charley Drake as The Worker.
5.30, Mind Your Language: last in the present series of comedies set in a language school. Tonight: the annual concert.
6.00, Bruce Forsyth's Big Night: tonight's guests are 15-year-old Lena Zavaroni and James Hunt, the racing ace.
7.30, The Incredible Hulk: Banner has to become the Hulk to save himself and a scientist from a gang of smugglers.
8.30. Sale of the Century: fast-moving general knowledge quiz, conducted by Nicholas Parsons.
9.00, The Professionals: crime series. Tonight: the hunt for a homecoming British spy and defector, before the Russians get hold of him.
10.00, News and Sport.
10.15, Twist in the Tale: The hand of a dead hoodlum sewn on to a sportsman (Rick Nelson) assumes a life of its own.
11.10, Saturday Night People: the Russell Harty/Clive James/Janet Street-Porter chat show. Last in the series.
11.55, The Practice: medical drama. Strange disclosures about Dr Bedford's daughter-in-law.
12.25 am, Close.

Films on TV

It's a brighter week than usual for films on BBC. This afternoon there is a lesser-known film by Raoul Walsh, Salty O'Rourke (BBC 2, 2.30) with Alan Ladd as a gambler in the world of racing. Walsh is a favourite of analytical critics; but defined his own aesthetic principles best: "I never allowed any dull action to develop in my films". Vera Chytilova's The Apple Game (tonight, BBC 2, 10.10), a sharp comedy about the private sexual lives of the doctors and nurses in a gynaecology hospital, ran into trouble in Czechoslovakia when it first appeared in 1977, but has since enjoyed deserved international success. I Believe in You (tonight, BBC 2, 11.50) was a brave attempt at a realistic study of an old Colonial officer (Cecil Parker) who becomes a probation officer in the East End, directed by Basil Dearden at a time (1952) when realism was strange to the British cinema. Watch for the small role by the historic musical comedy star Ada Reeve.

The Merry Widow (tomorrow, BBC 1, 2.00) was Hollywood's third and least lively adaptation, made in 1952 with Lana Turner and Fernando Lamas, who was at least a dashing Danilo. Also showing tomorrow (BBC 2, 9.05) is Shalako, an oddity of a British Western, made in Spain by a Canadian-born Hollywood director (Edward Dmytryk) and Sean Connery and Brigitte Bardot in the leading roles. The idea—Victorian English aristocrats hunting big game in the West—was better than the outcome. The Monday film, Harry in Your Pocket (BBC 1, 9.25), made in 1973 by a new director Bruce Geller, was a crisp crime comedy about a group of pickpockets. Walter Pidgeon, as the veteran of the gang, stole the picture.

The celebrities who are currently being asked to select the Thursday films are showing nice form. J. B. Priestley chooses Ninotchka (Thursday, BBC 2, 8.30), Garbo's first comedy role. Ernst Lubitsch directed this polished fable about the encounter of a Soviet trade delegate and a Parisian playboy (Melvyn Douglas), from a screenplay by Billy Wilder, Charles Brackett and Walter Reisch.

David Robinson

Words and pictures



Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas in Ninotchka, to be screened next Thursday.

RADIO

● THE NEW WAVELENGTHS: Except for VHF, where they retain their old places on the dial, Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4 have moved to new tuning positions. This is where you can find them: RADIO 4: Long Wave, 1500m/200kHz. In certain areas, RADIO 4 can also be picked up on Medium Wave. These are: Aberdeen 207m/1449kHz; Carlisle 202m/1485kHz; Tyneside 498m/603kHz; Northern Ireland 417m/720kHz; Barnstaple 375m/801kHz; Exeter 303m/990kHz; Plymouth 351m/855kHz; Redruth 397m/756kHz; Torbay 206m/1458kHz RADIO 3: Medium Wave, 247m/1215kHz (in Cambridge 251m/1197kHz, Medium Wave). RADIO 2: Medium Wave, 330m/909kHz or 433m/693kHz. RADIO 1: Medium Wave, 275m/1089kHz or 285m/1053kHz (in Bournemouth 202m/1485kHz, Medium Wave).

Radio 4

6.30 am, News.
6.32, Farming Today.
6.50, Yours Faithfully.
7.00, News.
7.10, On Your Farm.
7.40, Today's Papers.
7.45, Yours Faithfully.
7.50, It's a Bargain.
8.06, News.
8.10, Sport on 4.
8.40, Yesterday in Parliament.
8.55, Party Political Broadcast by Labour Party.
9.00 News.
9.05, International Assignment: Europe (2).
9.30, The Week in Westminster.
9.55, News Stand: Weeklies.
10.15 Service.
10.30, Pick of the Week.†
11.20, Time for Verse: Light verse.
11.30, Wildlife.
11.55, Spiegl on Saturday.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, Away from it All.
12.27, You've Got to be Joking: Cardew Robinson.†
1.00, News.
1.10, Any Questions.
2.00, Bookshelf.
2.30, Play: Annarees by Margaret Harris.
3.30, Does He Take Sugar? For the disabled.
4.00, Noll: a Portrait of Oliver Goldsmith (1728/1774).
4.45, Enquire Within.
5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore.
5.25, Week Ending.
6.00, News.
6.15, Desert Island Discs.
6.50, Stop the Week: Robert Robinson.
7.30, Baker's Dozen: Richard Baker.†
8.30, Play: Against All Natural Instincts by Joan Lock.
10.00, News.
10.15, A Word in Edgeways.
11.00, Lighten Our Darkness: prayers.
11.15, Singer's Choice(2) Kirsten Flagstad.
11.45, Play: The Dissolution of Dominic Boot.
12.00, News. Weather.
12.15-12.23 am, Shipping. Inshore forecast.
VHF.—As Radio 4 except: Regional News, Weather at 6.55 am, 7.55, 12.55 pm.

Radio 3

7.55 am, Weather.
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Parry, Chopin, Sibelius, Britten.†
9.00, News.
9.05, Record Review.†
10.15, Stereo Release: Mendelssohn, Berg, Bartok.†
11.25, Salzberg Festival 1978, part 1: Beethoven.†
12.00, Bassoonery.
12.20 pm, Salzberg Festival 1978, part 2: Stravinsky.†
1.00, News.
1.05, Bach and Berio.†
2.05, Man of Action, Lord Annan chooses records.†
3.20, Music from Pebble Mill, part 1: Mozart, Szymanowski.†
4.00, Interval Reading.
4.05, Concert, part 2. Beethoven.
5.00, Jazz Record Requests.†
5.45, Critic's Forum.
6.35, Collectors' Corner: The 19th-century piano.
7.20, Personal View by Denis Donoghue.
7.40, Tosca, Opera by Puccini.
9.40, East German Poetry of the 70s: Talk by Arrigo Subiotto.
10.15, Carlo Maria Giulini—Concert.†
10.55, Sounds Interesting: Derek Jewell.†
11.45, News.
11.50, Schubert Song.†

Radio 2

News at 5.00 am, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and on hour to 1.00 pm, 6.00, 7.00, 10.0, 11.0 and on hour to 6.00 am.

5.02 am, Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, David Jacobs.† 10.02, Tony Brandon.† 12.02 pm, Billy Daniels: Star Choice.†

1.02, News Huddlines: Roy Hudd.

1.30-6.00, Sport on 2. Rugby. England v New Zealand; Football; Racing from Newbury: Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup; Cricket, Queensland v England; Results. 6.03, European Pop Jury. 7.02, Beat the Record. 7.30, Radio 2 Top Tunes.† 8.15, Ike Issaacs Duo, Guitar.† 8.30. Brass in Concert.† 9.30. BBC Radio Orchestra.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Ray Moore.† 12.03. News, weather. 2.02-6.00 am, You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on half-hour 8.30 am to 12.30 pm, and at 2.30 pm, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.00, Playground. 8.00, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Adrian Juste.† 2.00, Paul Gambaccini.† 4.31, Rock On.† 5.30, It's Rock 'n' Roll. 6.31, In Concert: Roger McGough, De Danann. 7.30, Mike Read. 10.00, Discovatin, dancing with Hi-Tension. 12.00-6.00 am, As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 1.00 pm, With Radio 1. 7.30-6.00 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

HTV

As London except: 9.00 am, Doctor! 9.30, Ten on Saturday. 9.45, Lassie. 10.15, Batman. 10.30, Tiswas. 11.15, Batman. 11.30, Pop Spot. 11.35, Ten on Saturday. 11.40, Star Maidens. 12.10 pm, Popeye. 12.20, Ten on Saturday. 5.15, Popeye. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, Film: Nevada Smith (Steve McQueen). 12.35 am, Weather. Close. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV Gen Service except:—5.30 pm, Y Bobl a'u Can.

Granada

As London except: 9.30 am, Make It Count. 9.55, Sesame Street. 10.55, Film: Life Begins at Eight-Thirty (Cornel Wilde). 5.15 pm, Cartoons. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 10.45, Film: Return to Peyton Place (Jeff Chandler). 12.55 am, Oscar Peterson Presents. 1.25, Close.

Ulster

As London except: 10.15 am, Film: Little House on the Prairie. 11.30, Sesame Street. 5.30 pm, The Beverly Hillbillies. 10.00, News. 10.15, Quincy. 11.29, Close.

Scottish

As London except 9.00 am, Castaway. 9.20, Adventures in Rainbow Country. Lac Du Diable. 11.30, Lucan. 5.30, Mind Your Language. 10.15, International Curling. 10.45, Late Call. 10.50, Film: Phantom of Hollywood. 12.05 am, George Hamilton IV. 12.35, Close.

ATV

As London except: 9.10 am, Play Guitar II. 9.35, Make It Count. 10.05, The Lost Islands. 10.30, Tiswas. 5.15, Spiderman. 10.15, Film: Puppet on A Chain (Sven-Bertil Taube, Barbara Parkins, Alexander Knox). 12.00, The Manufactured Man (Burt Reynolds). 12.10 am, Close.

Channel

As London except: 12.18 pm, Puffin's Pa(l)ace. 5.30, Happy Days. 8.30, Sale of the Century. 10.15, Film: Fathom. Reynolds). 1.00 am, Close.

Grampian

As London except: 9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.30, The Beachcombers. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Lassie. 11.30, Joe 90. 12.00, The Monkees. 5.30 pm, Happy Days. Followed by Area Weather Forecast. Highland League and Shinty Results. 10.15, International Curling. 10.45, Donna Summer's Disco Party. 11.15, Saturday Night People. 12.00, Reflections. 12.05 am, Close.

Tyne Tees

As London except: 9.00 am, Lyn's Look-in. 9.05, The Six Million Dollar Man. 9.50, Rodeo Boy. 10.15, Lyn's Look-in. 10.30, Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. John Wayne. 12.15 pm, Lyn's Look-in. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, Film: Soylent Green. Charlton Heston, Edward G. Robinson. 12.00, George Hamilton IV. 12.30 am. Reynolds). 12.10 am, Close.

Westward

As London except: 9.05 am, Lucan. 9.50, Untamed World: Thailand. 10.20, Film: Run Wild Run Free (John Mills, Sylvia Syms). 11.55, Look and See. 12.00, Just the Job. 12.25 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, Film: Fathom (Raquel Welch, Tony Franciosa). 12.00, Faith for Life. 12.05 am, Close.

Anglia

As London except: 9.00 am, The Bubblies. 9.05, Cartoons. 9.20, The Next Week Show. 10.15 pm, London Rock and Roll Show: Mick Jagger, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard. 11.15, Saturday Night People. 12.00, At the End of the Day. Close.

Southern

As London except 9.00 am, Tarzan. 11.30, Logan's Run. 12.27 pm, Regional Weather. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, The One and Only Phyllis Dixey. 12.05 am, Southern News. 12.10, Police Surgeon. 12.35, Weather. I'll Tell the Vicar, and Close.

Yorkshire

As London except: 9.00 am, The Saturday Banana. 9.20, Space Ghost. Dino Boy. 10.15, You Can Make It. 11.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 5.30, Happy Days. 10.15, Film: Soylent Green (Charlton Heston, Edward G. Robinson). 12.00, George Hamilton IV. 12.30 am, Close.

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...Innis in tonight's episode of Lillie (ITV 8.15).

...cooks . . . but not too many, because Kean, tonight's ...Month (BBC 1, 8.10), turns out to be a rich and ...oth—so rich indeed that the BBC has decreed that we ...bly take it all in at one sitting. So, there is an ...for the news at 9.15. The play started life in 1836 ...comedy, written by the elder Dumas. It was ...ly reshaped by Jean-Paul Sartre. This version was ...y Frank Hauser, and it is this one which, largely ...reaches the television screen. It is a fast and gusty ...h pain mixed into it. Kean, the great actor, knows ...ll he is a hopeless amalgam of fantasy and fact and his infatuation for a married woman is both farcical ...Anthony Hopkins endows Kean with the fury of a ...the petulance of a child. Theatre historians will ...ee that he has got the proportions just about right. ...ificent performance.

...s, of course, not one Paul Robeson but three—the ...ger, the human rights campaigner—and tonight's ...portrait of the man in The Lively Arts (BBC 2, 7.05) ...ipartite obligations with distinction. It makes use of ...Sanders of the River, The Proud Valley, Song of ...ecordings (Othello, Ol' Ma nRiver), newsreels, and ...ith old friends (Flora Robs&on, Elisabeth Welch, ...ilds). The final sequences, telling how the giant was ...his chains and then crumbled, are very moving.

...long it has been since The South Bank Show went off ...as been far too long. Independent Television was ...ovide a service that d... not include a regular arts ... A case can be made for a summer recess for ..., without the arts, we shrivel. The BBC understands ...annot ITV? Tonight's South Bank Show, presented ...Melvyn Bragg, concentrates on Tom Stoppard, with ...his new play Night and Day.

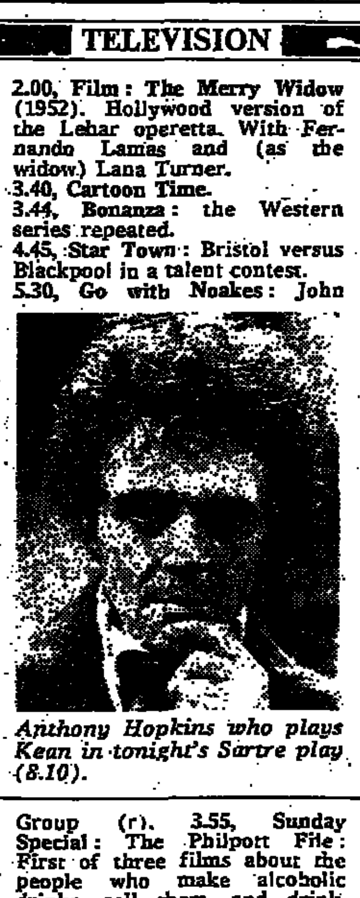
...e at least two outstanding musical events on Radio 3 ...featuring the Vienna Philharmonic. Claudio Abbado ...performance of the Mahler No 3, with Christa Ludwig ...11.20), and Christoph von Dohnanyi takes over the ...t Salzburg Festival production of Der Rosenkavalier ...Radio 4, at 10.15, Sir Anthony Nutting concludes his ...t of Lawrence of Arabia and, at 11.30 am, also on ...re is a repeat broadcast of Pain: A Way of Life, which ...overwhelming response fro mlisteners the first time ...is followed by a phone-in.

SYMBOLS MEAN: †STEREO; *BLACK AND WHITE;

TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.00 am, Camberwick Green: puppet story.
9.15, The Sunday Gang: an amusing introduction to Christian learning.
9.35, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan: for Asian viewers.
10.05, Servants of the Public? Films for trade unionists. Today: the voice of unions in local government.
10.30, Let's Go: for the mentally handicapped. Cycling.
10.45, Digame: Spanish for beginners.
11.10, Ensemble: French for beginners.
11.35, Working for Safety: The creation of a safe system.
12.00, The Living City: sociology series. Use of leisure time.
12.25 pm, Sunday Worship: a modern view of Amos the shepherd.
12.50, Day in Day Out: how God makes his presence felt in Weardale, Durham.
1.05, Farming: country magazine.
1.30, Roadworthy, Car servicing.
1.55, News.
2.00, Film: The Merry Widow (1952). Hollywood version of the Lehar operetta. With Fernando Lamas and (as the widow) Lana Turner.
3.40, Cartoon Time.
3.44, Bonanza: the Western series repeated.
4.45, Star Town: Bristol versus Blackpool in a talent contest.
5.30, Go with Noakes: John Noakes and his dog Shep in search of the Road to the Isles.
6.00, News, with Richard Baker.
6.10, Huntingtower: final part of the John Buchan adventure yarn. Tonight: Villains United Attack the baronial HQ of Goodies Incorporated.
6.40, Songs of Praise: from St Columba's Abbey Church, Glenstal, co Limerick.
7.15, A Horesman Riding By: part 10. An attempt to involve Paul in a shady deal.
8.10, Play of the Month: Kean. Jean-Paul Sartre's farcical comedy about the great British actor. Part 1 (see Personal Choice).
9.15, News, with Richard Baker.
9.25, Kean: part 2.
10.35, Opium for the People? Peter France goes with Billy Graham on his mission to Poland. An Everyman film.
11.10, Film 78: Barry Norman's movie round-up.
11.40, Crime Writers: how the crime story shifted from the crime to the criminal. The world of Simenon and Patricia Highsmith.
12.05 am, Weather.



Anthony Hopkins who plays Kean in tonight's Sartre play (8.10).

BBC 2

10.10 am, Open University (until 12.30): 10.10, Open Forum at OU; 11.00, S101 Preparatory Maths; 11.15, Pre-School Child; 11.40, Consumer Decisions; 12.05 pm, Energy in the Home.
1.50, Magoo: cartoon. Campaigner Magoo.
1.55, Rock Goes to College: John Martyn at Reading University (r).
2.35, Arena: Cinema. The new version of he 39 Steps (r).
3.10, Simple Faith: series of seven films. Interviews with The Archbishop of Canterbury and people in the street (r).
3.25, Open Door: the work of the Blackfriars Dysphasic Group (r). 3.55, Sunday Special: The Philpott File: First of three films about the people who make alcoholic drinks, sell them, and drink them.
4.45, Discovering Patchwork: third film in a series of five.
5.10, International Rugby: highlights from yesterday's game between England and New Zealand.
6.10, News Review: with visual commentary for the hard of hearing.
6.35, Assignment: a Northern Ireland edition. A special report on the Royal Ulster Constabulary.
7.05, Paul Robeson: a documentary which covers his career as singer, actor and civil rights campaigner (see Personal Choice).
8.10, The Birds Fall Down, part 5 of the Rebecca West novel. Laura summons Chubinov because she still fears Kamensky plans to kill her.
9.05, Film: Shalako (1968). British-made western about a company of English aristocrats in peril from the Apaches. The cast is stronger than the story—Sean Connery, Brigitte Bardot, Stephen Boyd, Jack Hawkins.
10.55, News and weather.
11.00, Poetry 78—The Winners: Results of the BBC 2-Sunday Times competition. The winners will be in the studio, to collect their cash prizes.
11.45, Closedown.

London Weekend

8.35 am, Make it Count: help for adults who have trouble with numbers.
9.00, Getting On: the positive side of growing older.
9.30, Play Guitar: another lesson from Ulf Goran and Ike Isaacs.
10.00, Morning Worship: from Bolton, Greater Manchester.
11.00, Doctor: the truth about the menopause.
11.30, Happy Days: part 2 of Fonzie the Movie Star.
12.00, Weekend World: a specially extended edition, devoted to the proposed European Monetary System.
1.30 pm, University Challenge: another contest between undergrads.
2.00, The Beachcombers: adventure series, set in the South Seas.
2.30, the Big Match: highlights from three of yesterday's top football games.
3.30, Film: The Most Dangerous Man in the World (1969). Thriller about a scientist (Gregory Peck) sent to China to snatch a food-growing formula for Russia and the West.
5.15, Wedding Day: The Church of England way of doing things (r).
5.45, Enid Blyton's Famous Five: a kidnapping plot.
6.15 News.
6.25, Credo: the story of Margaret Sinclair, who could become Scotland's first woman saint for 700 years.
6.50, Stars on Sunday: singers include the late Bing Crosby, Harry Secombe and Moira Anderson.
7.15, Return of the Saint: murder mystery starts with a train journey.
8.15, Lillie: tonight we see her becoming an American citizen and there are moves for a divorce. But there is bad news from home.
9.15, The Losers: another of these comedies with Leonard Rossiter as a sporting entrepreneur.
9.45, News.
10.00, An Audience with Jasper Carrott: comedy show (r).
10.30, The South Bank Show: the return of the magazine devoted to the arts, with Melvyn Bragg as presenter. The subject tonight is playwright Tom Stoppard.
11.30, Celebrity Concert: songs from Diahann Carroll.
12.30 am Close.

RADIO

Radio 4

7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
8.00, News.
8.10, Sunday Papers.
8.15, Sunday.
8.50, Week's Good Cause: Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.
9.00, News.
9.10, Sunday Papers.
9.15, Letter From America: Alistair Cooke.
9.30, Service: St Nicholas's Church, Durham.
10.15, Disgusted, Tunbridge Wells.
10.30, Money Box.
11.00, Hancock's Half-Hour: Tony Hancock: Tony the Poet.
11.30, Pain: A Way of Life.
1.00 pm, World This Weekend.
1.40, The Spinners.†
2.00, Gardeners' Question Time: Buckinghamshire.
2.30, Play: A Most Wonderful Thing, by Henry Livings.
4.00, News.
4.02, Talking About Antiques.
4.30, The Living World.
5.00, In Touch: For the blind.
5.15, Down Your Way: Duisberg and Portsmouth, its twin city.
6.00, News.
6.15, The Archers.
7.15, You, the Jury: seat belts.
8.00, Music to Remember: Dvorak, Chopin, Kodaly.†
9.00, News.
9.03, Vanity Fair (9): Changed Fortunes.†
10.00, News.
10.15, Across the Sky in Stars: T. E. Lawrence (2): Aircraftsman Shaw.
11.00, The Litany.†
11.15, Bookshelf.
11.45, Play: Research Project by Paul Ferris.
12.00, News; Weather report and forecast, followed by an interlude.
12.15-12.23 am, Shipping forecast; Inshore forecast.
VHF: 7.15 am, Radio 4. 9.10, Open University. 10.30. Radio 4. 1.55 pm, Programme News. 2.00-6.00, Study on 4. 6.00, Close.

Radio 3

7.55 am, Weather.
8.00, News.
8.05, Forty Years of Heifetz Concert: Wieniawski, Bazzini, Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Sinding.
9.00, News.
9.05, Concert Choice: Orpington Recorded Music Society.†
10.30, Music Weekly: Michael Oliver.†
11.20, Mahler's Third Symphony.†
1.05 pm, Words: by Michael Schmidt.
1.10, Alistair Cooke's 1930s.
1.45, Talking About Music: Antony Hopkins.†
2.15, Bartok's for Children: Piano.†
2.40, Der Rosenkavalier by Richard Strauss. Act 1.†
3.55, An Aspect of the Rose.
4.15, Der Rosenkavalier. Act 2.
5.15, Interval Reading.
5.25, Der Rosenkavalier. Act 3.
6.30, Reith Lectures: Christianity and the World Order (4): Rev Dr Edward Norman.
7.00, Music in Our Time by Drackman, Kolb, Wuorinen, Crumb.†
8.00, Film: The Clerks, by Rhyse Adrian.†
9.00, London Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, part 1: Mendelssohn.†
9.45, The Seven Ages of Man (5): The Justice.
10.05, LPO, part 2: Saint-Saens.†
10.55, Schubert and Opera: talk by Erik Smith.†
11.45, News.
11.50, Schubert Song.†

Radio 2

News at 6.00 am, 6.30, and on hour to 1.00 pm, 3.00 to 7.00 and 9.00-5.00 pm.
6.02 am, Sam Costa: organ requests. 7.30, Gospel Road.† 8.03, David Jacobs.† 10.02, Brian Rix.† 11.30, People's Service (2). 11.55, The Choice is Yours. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Two's Best.† 2.30, Peter Clayton.† 4.02, Alan Dell.† 5.02, Sing Something Simple: M Adams Singers. 5.30, Charlie Chester. 7.02, Brain of Sport 1978 Semi-final. 7.30, Glamorous Nights. 8.30, St Martin's Church, Sherwood, Nottingham. 9.02, Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.02. Roy Castle 10.30, Thank You Mrs. Fothergill(1): Alice Foster, This is Your Life! 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Nordring Festival 1978: The Finnish Entry. 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Ray Moore.† 2.02-5.00, You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on half-hour 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. 3.30, 5.30, 8.00, 10.00.
6.00 am, As Radio 2. 8.00, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Noel Edmonds. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club. 3.00, Anne Nightingale's Requests. 5.00, Simon Bates: The Top 40.† 7.00, Moody Blues Story (3): Every Good Boy.† 8.01, Tim Curry (1).† 10.02, Sounds of Jazz: Peter Clayton.† 12.00-5.00 am, As Radio 2.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 6.00 am, With Radio 2. 5.00 pm, With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

HTV

As London except: 9.00 am, Sesame Street. 11.00, Play Guitar II. 1.30, Farming Diary. 2.00, University Challenge. 3.30, Cartoons. 3.35, How the West Was Won. 10.00 pm, Soap. 11.30, Chopper Squad. 12.25 am, Weather, Closedown. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV General service except: 5.15 pm, Sylfeini.

Granada

As London except 9.30 am, Doctor! 11.00, The Lost Islands. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Play Guitar II. 1.30 pm, Survival. 2.00, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.20, Kick Off Match. 3.20, Cartoon. 3.30, How the West Was Won. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Danger in Paradise. 12.30 am, Close.

Westward

As London except: 9.30 am, Getting On. 10.00, Service: Trinity Congregational Church, Farnsworth. 11.00, Doctor: The Lamb Was Benign. 11.30, Play Guitar II, 1.30 pm, The Woody Woodpecker Show. 2.00, Farm, Country. 3.30, How the West Was Won. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Saturday Night People. 12.15 am, Faith for Life. 12.20, Close.

Scottish

As London except 9.05 am, Make It Count. 10.00, Service and choir of Paisley Abbey. 10.30, The Flintstones. 11.00, Getting On. 11.30, Doctor—Shall I Go On the Pill? 1.30, Farming Outlook. 2.00, University Challenge. 2.30, The Tyler Moore Show. 3.00, The Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.45, Scotsport. 6.25, Sermon on the Mount. 10.00, Soap. 10.30, South Bank Show. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Credo. 12.00, Oscar Peterson: Cleo Laine and John Dankworth. 12.30 am, Close.

ATV

As London except. 9.30 am, Farming Today. 11.00, Getting On. 11.30, Doctor: Shall I Go On the Pill? 2.00 pm, Laverne and Shirley. 2.30, Star Soccer. 3.30, How the West was Won. 10.00, In Concert: The Darts. 11.30, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.15 am, Close.

Channel

As London except 2.28 pm, Weather. 3.30, How the West Was Won. 6.49, Channel Islands Weather. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Saturday Night People. 12.15 am, Epilogue. Weather. Close.

Grampian

As London except. 11.00 am, Getting On. 11.30, Play Guitar II. 1.30, Farming Outlook. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.10, How the West was Won. 3.45, Scotsport. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Night Gallery. 12.00, Reflections. 12.05 am, Close.

Yorkshire

As London except: 9.00 am, Doctor: 9.25. Play Guitar II. 9.50, Wonder Wheels. 11.00, Make It Count. 11.30, Farming Diary. 1.30 pm, Calendar Sunday. 1.50, Emmerdale Farm. 2.45, Football. 3.35, How the West was Won. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, New Avengers. 12.30 am, Close.

Ulster

As London except 11.00 am, Getting On. 11.30, Focus on Soccer. 2.00 pm, Garnock Way. 3.30, How the West was Won. 5.15, Contrasts. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Sport, Results. 11.35, Face to Faith. 12.00, Close.

Anglia

As London except: 9.05 am, Make It Count. 11.30, The White Stone. 1.30 pm Weather Trends. 1.35, Farming Diary. 2.05, Match of the Week. 3.05, Cartoons. 3.25, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Lucan. 4.45, Portrait of a Village. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, New Avengers. 12.30 am, Bible for Today. Close.

Southern

As London except: 8.45 am, Communion. 9.05, Doctor: 11.00, Sesame Street. 11.57, Regional weather. 1.30 pm, Farm Progress. 2.00, Mr and Mrs. 3.30, Rafferty. 4.30, Survival: Kingdom of the Crabs. 5.00, Cartoons. 5.10, Southern News. 10.00, The Practice. 11.30, Power Without Glory. 12.25 am, Weather. I'll Tell the Vicar. Close.

Tyne Tees

As London except: 9.00 am, Doctor! 11.00, Getting On. 11.30, Where the Jobs Are. 11.35, Woody Woodpecker Show. 1.30 pm, Farming Outlook. 2.00, Film. She (Ursula Andress, Peter Cushing). 3.50, Shoot. 4.50, Mary Tyler Moore Show. 10.00, Soap. 11.30, Impact. 11.45, The Practice. 12.15 am, Epilogue. 12.20, Close.

Border

As London except for 9.05 Make It Count. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Doctor. 1.30 Border Diary. 1.35 Farming. 2.05 Film: Ring of Fire. 3.45 Scotsport. 5.15 Border Journey. 10.00 Soap. 11.30 Electric Theatre Show. 12.00 Close.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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CONCERTS

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON

PRINCIPAL

The Principal, Myers Foggin, CBE, will be retiring at the end of this academic year and the Board is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for appointment as his successor.

Anyone who may be interested or who may be able to suggest persons suitable for the appointment is invited to write for further information to the Chairman, Dr. J. Murray Brown, c/o The General Administrator, Trinity College of Music, Mandeville Place, London W1M 6AQ. Correspondence should be marked "Confidential". The closing date for applications is 31st December, 1978.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC Prince Consort Road, S.W.7 Wednesday, 29th November at 7 p.m. TWENTIETH CENTURY ENSEMBLE Le Marteau sans Maître Boulez Discours II Globokar Giardino Religioso Maderna Amicizia! Henze Conductors: Edwin Roxburgh, Stephen Savage Thursday, 30th November at 7 p.m. FIRST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Fantasia on a Theme by Tallis Vaughan Williams Bassoon Concerto Gordon Jacob Soloist—W. Michael Jones Les Illuminations Britten Introduction and Allegro Elgar Conductor: Dale Fawcett

ST. JOHN'S, Smith Square WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, at 7.30 p.m. THE MADRIGAL PLAYERS MALCOLM FRASER director in the first COMIC OPERA ever written BANCHIERI: La Pazzia Senile (a dramatic madrigal in costume) £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 from Box Office (01-222 1061)

NIGEL KENNEDY AND MELVYN TAN (violin and piano): Franck, Schubert, Bach, Fauré, Brahms. Sunday, 10 Dec., at The Swan Hotel. Tel: Lavenham 477.

IONA BROWN AND IAN BROWN (violin and piano): Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms. Sun., 10 Dec., at The Chequers Hotel. Tel: Newbury 45606.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, tonight at 7.30 p.m. The Tallis Scholars, directed by Peter Phillips. Music by Thomas Tallis: Lamentations, If Ye Love Me, O sacrum convivium and music from every period of Tallis's career. Tickets £1.50 at the door.

ROUND HOUSE DOWNSTAIRS. 267 2564. Tomor. at 7.30 p.m. An Evening of Poetry with DAVID GASCOYNE & STEPHEN SPENDER.

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SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE, Rosebery Ave., E.C.1. 837 1672. Evgs. 7.30 LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE Tonight Waterless method of Swimming Instruction; Scriabin Preludes and Studies; Class. Tue. & Wed.: Sphinx; Solo Ride; Rainbow Bandit. Thur. to Sat. next: Forest; When Summer's Breath; Box; Mass.

THEATRES

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ALDWYCH. 836 6404. Info. 836 5332. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in repertoire Tonight, Mon., Tue. 7.30 David Mercer's COUSIN VLADIMIR "Riveting theatre." S. Telegraph (Student standby £1.) With AS YOU LIKE IT (next perf. Wed.) RSC also at THE WAREHOUSE (see under W).

AMBASSADORS. CC. 01-836 1171 Evgs. 8.0 Tues. 2.45, Sats. 5, 8.0. JAMES BOLAM "A SUPERB PERFORMANCE" FT. GERALD FLOOD in a New Thriller WHO KILLED "AGATHA" CHRISTIE . . . ? "WILL RUN AND RUN." Guardian.

APOLLO, cc. 01-437 2663. Evgs. 8.0 Mat Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0 Paul DANEMAN Lana MORRIS Dennis RAMSDEN & Carmel McSHARRY SHUT YOUR EYES AND THINK OF ENGLAND 2nd WICKEDLY FUNNY YEAR "Very, very funny. Great entertainment." —News of the World

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COMEDY. cc. 01-930 2578 Evgs. 8.0. Thurs. 3.0. Sats. 5.15 & 8 BILLIE WHITELAW "The most powerful female acting seen in London this year."—Observer. T. P. McKENNA in MOLLY by SIMON GRAY "INTENSELY MOVING."—E. News. "FEROCIOUSLY EROTIC."—S. Times LAST 2 WEEKS. ENDS DEC. 2. BRITT EKLAND, JULIAN HOLLOWAY in a new comedy MATE! Prevs. from Dec. 5th at 8. Opens Dec. 13 at 7.

CRITERION. 930 3216. Credit-card bkgs. 836 1071. Evs. Mon.-Thur. 8. Fri. & Sat. 5.45 & 8.30 "THE MOST HILARIOUS PLAY FOR YEARS"—Financial Times. GLOO JOO by Michael Hastings "HAD THE AUDIENCE ROCKING WITH LAUGHTER."—Eve. Standard.

DRURY LANE. c.c. 01-836 8108 Monday to Saturday, Evgs. 8.0 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 3.00 A CHORUS LINE "A RARE DEVASTATING, JOYOUS, ASTONISHING STUNNER."—S. Times. 3RD GREAT YEAR

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DUKE OF YORK'S. c.c. 01-836 5122 Evgs. 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 TOM COURTENAY FELICITY KENDAL CLOUDS "IS BLISS"—Observer. "MICHAEL FRAYN'S FUNNIEST PLAY."—D. Telegraph.

FORTUNE 836 2238 Evgs. 8. Thurs. 3. Sat. 5 & 8 Muriel Pavlow as Miss Marple in AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER AT THE VICARAGE FOURTH GREAT YEAR

GARRICK. c.c. 01-836 4601. Evgs. 8.00 (sharp). Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.30, 8.30 DENIS QUILLEY IN IRA LEVIN'S DEATHTRAP A New Thriller Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE "THREE CHEERS FOR TWO HOURS OF MARVELLOUS ENTERTAINMENT." —S. Telegraph.

GLOBE THEATRE. c.c. 01-437 1592. Evgs. 8.15. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 6 & 8.40. PAUL EDDINGTON, JULIA McKENZIE, BENJAMIN WHITROW in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Comedy TEN TIMES TABLE "THIS MUST BE THE HAPPIEST LAUGHTER MAKER IN LONDON." D. Tel. "AN IRRESISTIBLY ENJOYABLE EVENING."—Sunday Times.

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755 Evenings 8.0. Mat. Sat. 2.30 until Nov. 25 Stephanie Beacham, David Burke, Susan Hampshire, Jeremy Irons, David Robb, James Taylor in AN AUDIENCE CALLED EDOUARD by David Pownall From Nov. 29. SEE HOW THEY RUN.

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Nightly at 8. Sat. Mats. 5. Mike Stott's "Very entertaining" (Ev. News) Comedy COMINGS & GOINGS

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 4.30 & 8.0. GERALDINE McEWAN CLIVE FRANCIS NIGEL STOCK PETER BOWLES PAUL HARDWICK and FENELLA FIELDING in LOOK AFTER LULU by NOEL COWARD with GARY RAYMOND MUST END DECEMBER 9

HER MAJESTY'S. c.c. 01-930 6606 Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 3.0 THE NEW MUSICAL BAR MITZVAH BOY "THIS STUNNING PRODUCTION—UNIQUELY ENJOYABLE", F. Times. "THE FUNNIEST MUSICAL AROUND —BAR NONE", S. Mirror.

KING'S HEAD. 226 1916. Lst. Prf. Ton't. Dnr. 6.45 Show 7.45. Bull Truck Th. Co. in THE NEW GARBO by Doug Lucie. "If you don't rush to see this . . . you'd be a fool". EN.

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488 Mon.-Thur. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW DON'T DREAM IT. SEE IT!

LYRIC THEATRE. c.c. 01-437 3686 Evs. 8.0. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 JOAN PLOWRIGHT FRANK FINLAY FILUMENA by Eduardo de Filippo Directed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI "TOTAL TRIUMPH" E. News. "AN EVENT TO TREASURE." D. Mirror. "MAY IT FILL THE LYRIC FOR A HUNDRED YEARS" S. Times.

MAYFAIR. 629 3036. Evgs. 8. Sats. 5.30, 8.30. Wed Mat. 3 Welsh National Theatre Co. DYLAN THOMAS'S UNDER MILK WOOD

MAYFAIR THEATRE. 01-493 2031 From Dec. 18 Dly. 10.30, 2.0, 4.0 SOOTY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

NATIONAL THEATRES. 928 2252 OLIVIER (open stage): Ton't., Mon., Tue. & Wed. 7.30 (low price prevs.) STRIFE by Galsworthy. LYTTELTON (proscenium stage): Today 3 & 7.45, Mon. 7.45 PLUNDER by Ben Travers COTTESLOE (small auditorium): Ton't. & Mon. 8 HAS WASHINGTON LEGS? new comedy by Charles Wood. Many excellent cheap seats all 3 theatres day of perf. Car park. Restaurant 928 2033. Credit card bookings 928 3052. TOURS OF THE BUILDING daily (incl. backstage) £1.25. Inf.: 633 0880.

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PALACE. 01-437 6834 Evgs. 8.0; Fri. & Sat. 6.00 & 8.40 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

PALLADIUM cc 01-437 7373 CLEO LAINE with THE JOHN DANKWORTH ORCH. Special guests: JACK PARNELL KENNY BAKER, DON LUSHER Last 2 perfs. Today 6.15 & 8.45

PALLADIUM. C.C. 01-437 7373 Opening Dec. 20 for a Season DANNY LA RUE as "MERRY" WIDOW TWANKEY in ALADDIN ALFRED MARKS as Abanazar Dilys WATLING Brian MARSHALL and WAYNE SLEEP Preview December 19 at 7.30

PHOENIX THEATRE. cc 01-836 2294 Evgs. 8.0. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 DIANA RIGG, JOHN THAW in NIGHT AND DAY A NEW PLAY BY TOM STOPPARD Directed by PETER WOOD

PICCADILLY from 8.30 am. 437 4506 Credit card bkgs. 836 1071. Prev. 12 Dec. at 8. Opens 13 Dec. at 7. Subs. Evgs. at 8. Sats. 5.15 & 8.15. A NIGHT WITH DAME EDNA and a handful of cobbers Starring the increasingly popular BARRY HUMPHRIES BOOK NOW. 12 WEEK SEASON.

PICCADILLY 437 8503/836 3962. Credit card bkgs. 836 1071 Richard Goolden, Ian Talbot in TOAD OF TOAD HALL Christmas matinees Dec. 18-Jan. 13

PRINCE EDWARD cc 01-437 6877 Evgs. 8.0 Mats. Thur. & Sat. 3.0 EVITA by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber Directed by Harold Prince. Regret advanced bkgs. closed Nov. 27, 28, 29.

PRINCE OF WALES 930 8681 Card bkgs. 930 0846. Mon. to Thur. 8.00. Fri. & Sat. 6 & 8.45 ALAN AYCKBOURN'S smash-hit comedy BEDROOM FARCE "If you don't laugh, sue me". D. Ex. A National Theatre production.

QUEENS cc 01-734 1166 Evgs. 8.0. Wed. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.30 GEORGE CHAKIRIS, ROY DOTRICE JAMES VILLIERS, RICHARD VERNON THE PASSION OF DRACULA "DAZZLING." E. Stan. "MOST SCENICALLY SPECTACULAR SHOW IN TOWN." Punch. "THEATRE AT ITS MOST MAGICAL." Times Lit. Sup.

REGENT cc 01-637 9862/3 Mon.-Sat. 8.00. Mats. Fri. & Sat. 5.00 LITTLE WILLIE JR's RESURRECTION The First Soul Gospel Musical. "The show is a treat", Times. "Impressively talented cast", E. News

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Chess

Battle of Hastings goes on

It is great news to hear that the Hastings International Christmas Congress has found a new and powerful sponsor in the shape of ICL, and it is to be hoped that this historic congress will have a settled future as distinguished as its past. In a way it is most fitting that International Computers Ltd should be mixed up with chess, for there is a close bond between computers and the game of chess.

While it is true that so far no one has succeeded in programming a computer so that it plays chess of master strength, startling advances have been made in this direction in the past few years. Once the great breakthrough comes of making a chess programed computer capable of selective original analysis then the battle will be won and there need be no limits set to the perfectioning of such a machine.

To one who has spent, as I have, three-and-a-half months at Baguio City in the Philippines watching politicking, dramatics both high and low and skulduggery of the latter variety interspersed with comparatively little chess, it would come as a great relief to see two machines engaged in a game where the sciences and the arts are the pure dominating factors. I defy Dr Zoukhar to parapsychologize a computer and however deeply the Ananda Marga meditate I do not think they would affect a machine. If I am accused of exaggeration here then let me state quite firmly that many sober people at Baguio City (at least they were mostly sober most of the time) were convinced that the learned doctor (whom Marx preserve) hypnotized Viktor Korchnoi from a distance during the game.

I do not happen to believe in the actual hypnotizing of Korchnoi. But what I do believe is that Dr Zoukhar was carefully chosen by the Soviet chess authorities to play the role of a hypnotist and that he was carefully placed in a position where he could see and be seen by Korchnoi. Why else did he sit for such long periods simply staring at Korchnoi? Why else did he look so potty? Inevitably one is drawn to the conclusion that in this instance Dr Zoukhar's face was his fortune.

As to the Ananda Marga: on the afternoon of the day when Korchnoi intimated he was not resuming the 32nd game and Anatoly Karpov had at long last won the match, the world champion gave a press conference. Being closely questioned by an American journalist as to how the Ananda Marga had troubled him, he replied, and I quote his exact words "They affected me". This may have been so and I would be, and probably am, the last person to insinuate that such words had been put into the mouth of the world champion by some planning Soviet authority; but in any case I do not see the gentle Victoria Sheppard having the slightest chance of affecting a computer machine, no matter how hard she meditates.

Hopefully, none of this will concern or trouble the Hastings Congress and we can return from the dark parapsychological world of Luzon to the comparative sanity of Sussex. The invitations are out and the top tournaments, the Premier and the Challengers, will contain some famous and some new names, something for which Hastings has been celebrated ever since the great tournament of 1895. Not all the replies are as yet in, but it looks as though the Premier tournament, with nine international grandmasters, four international masters and two non-titled players, will be category 10, which is a reasonably high grade of event.

It is hoped to get from the USSR, Romanishin, who won first prize at Hastings two years ago, and Gulko, the joint Soviet champion. From Czechoslovakia there is Vlastimil Hort, from Hungary, Csom, from the USA two fine young players, Christiansen and Peters, and also Lein, a Russian emigre who is at the moment stateless but will eventually acquire US citizenship; then there are Ulf Anderson (Sweden), Suba (Romania), Byassis (Canada) and Balshan (Israel), this last qualifying from the 1977 Challengers event. Finally from the UK there are the British champion, Speelman, and three other notable players in Hartston, Mestel and Taulbut.

Originally Stean and Keene had been invited to play; but Keene felt he was so much out of form that it was not worth while his competing at Hastings and Stean, who is also playing in a long European Zonal tournament from November 25 to December 17, thought he would be too tired to play at Hastings. It is a pity that neither of these will be at Hastings, but their reasons for not playing are legitimate and the fact that they are already grandmasters leaves the field open for the four non-grandmasters, Hartston, Mestel, Speelman and Taulbut, to achieve the grandmaster norm and, in some cases, the title.

Whatever happens, this should be an interesting tournament in which, it is hoped, much fighting chess will be played and to my mind one of the most intriguing entries is that of Romanishin, who, after world champion Karpov, has good claims to be considered as the leading young player in the USSR. Here is the trenchant game in which he disposed of the Dutch grandmaster, Donner, in the last round of the Buenos Aires Olympiad.

White: O. Romanishin. Black: J. Donner. Pirc Defence.

1 P-K4 P-Q3 4 B-Kt5 B-Kt2
2 P-Q4 Kt-KB3 5 P-B3 P-B3
3 Kt-QB3 P-KKt3

The alternative is to get a Sicilian Defence type of game by 5 . . ., P-B4.

6 Q-Q2 P-KR3 8 B-Q3 QKt-Q2
7 B-K3 P-QKt4

More active and therefore less likely to lead to a position for Black was P-Kt5.

9 KKt-K2 Kt-Kt3 10 P-[illegible]

A strong move that [illegible] Black from getting rid of the Bishops by 10 . .

10 . . P-QR4 11 P-QR[illegible]

After 11 . . . PxP; 1[illegible] KtxKt; 13. RxKt, the QRP would come under pressure.

12 Kt-Q1 KKt-Q2 13 P-K[illegible]

A better attempt to . . . game lay in 13 . . . Px[illegible]

14 BPxP BPxP 15 R-Q[illegible]

And not 15. QxP, [illegible] of . 15 . . . PxP follo[illegible] P-QB4.

16 . . B-Kt2 17 Kt-P
16 O-O PxP 18 Kt-Kt5

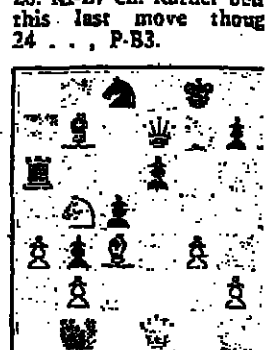
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Harry Golo[illegible]

Gardening

Gifts for the green-fingered

Every year it seems that more mail order catalogues flop through our letter box and the advertisements in the newspapers and various journals appear earlier and are even more expensive and alluring. I was amused to see in one such catalogue two pages of "stocking fillers" *all under £3*. It seems only yesterday that the token gifts we exchanged with friends were by tacit consent always limited to about 50p!

For the gardener, there are a few stocking fillers such as packets of plastic labels and a thin felt pen. Personally I can never have too many labels.

Then there is the old favourite Phostrogen, the fertilizer that outsells all others on the domestic garden market. It comes in various packs from mini carton, making 33 gallons of fertilizer for 18p, the next size, making 110 gallons for 37p; another making 275 gallons for 77p. These packs are readily available in the shops. Not so easy to find is the highly economical bucket which makes 1,760 gallons of fertilizer for £4.40. This you will probably have to order direct from Phostrogen Ltd, Corwen, Clwyd LL21 0EE (postage paid).

Secateurs are always welcome and so are the "cut and hold" types of flower gatherer which enable one to reach two or three feet into a rose bed, say, to cut the flowers or dead head the bushes without becoming entangled with the thorns. The Stanley flower gatherer is a good one and in case of difficulty can be obtained for £2.40 post paid from Barralets of Ealing, The Garden Centre, Western Avenue, Perivale, Middlesex.

Over the years I have become fascinated with the various measuring instruments that are such a help if you take your gardening even mildly seriously—barometers, thermometers, hygrometers, rain gauges and so on.

The Diplex range of these instruments is most exhaustive. Indeed if you care to send a large stamped addressed envelope they will send you a broadsheet which illustrates over 40 such instruments and on the other side carries a most informative long article by L. P. Smith the eminent agricultural meteorologist which tells you how to make the best use of these instruments. In the Diplex range I can recommend a really splendid barometer which is combined with a thermometer and hygrometer selling for £39, a maximum/minimum, or "day and night" thermometer for £5.40. This thermometer records the lowest night and the highest day temperature and the indicators are reset by simply twisting a knob—no separate magnet is needed. They also make a useful little hygrometer for measuring the humidity in your home, conservatory or greenhouse, at £4. These items should be available in the shops but in case of difficulty write to Diplex Limited, PO Box 172, Watford, Herts. In any case I do recommend that you write for the broadsheet, it is fascinating reading; it will help you to get better results from your garden and enable you to take much more interest in the weather and its effects.

Today there is a bewildering choice of garden furniture—in wood, metal, plastic and in all kinds of soft furnishings.

It is rather a luxury—or it can be if one falls for the most expensive items, so perhaps it is a subject worth some study for a Christmas present. Unfortunately you will not see much garden furniture on display in the stores just now but I do commend the range offered by Baveystock and Co, Teesdale Works, Cooks Road, London E15 2PL. Their catalogue is, I warn you, full of temptation.

Garden gloves are alas expendable but for that reason are always welcome. My favourites are still the gloves which were the subject of several special offers in the past. They are tough yet supple, and very warm. They now come in medium (suitable for ladies) and large sizes price £5.80 VAT and postage included; from Synchemicals Ltd, 44 Grange Walk, London SE1 3EN.

The set of stainless steel hand tools which have been subject to a special offer several times is still very good value. They are fairly widely available in the shops but in case of difficulty may be had from Frank Odell and Co Limited, 43-45 Broad Street, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8QZ. Prices are: large trowel £2.35, narrow bulb trowel £2.25, hand fork £2.40, three-pronged cultivator £2.30 and the weeding tool which can also be used as a sucker cutter, £2.10; all prices include postage. The same firm offers a Christmas wrapped pack of the Triggagrip tools, a large narrow trowel and han[illegible] in aluminium with a patent grip which make[illegible] very easy to use, for £6. paid.

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Jobs for December

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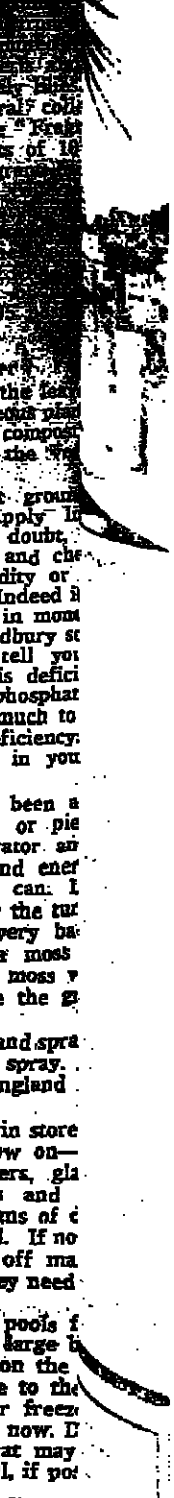
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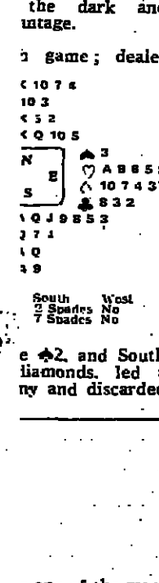
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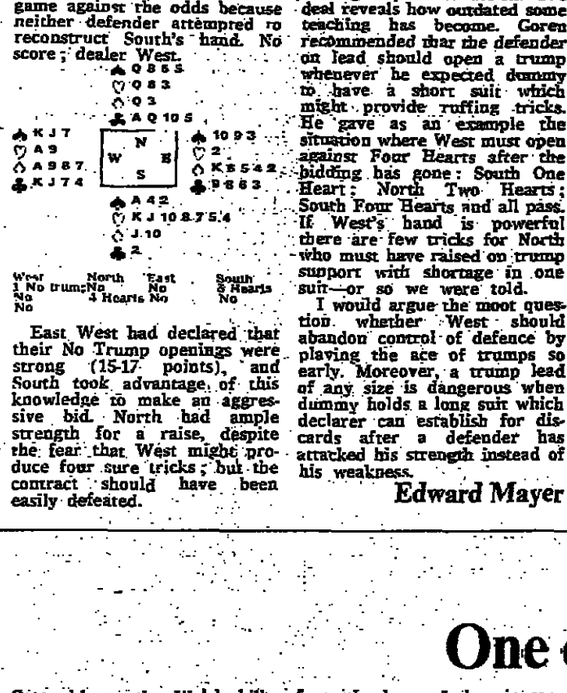
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a heart on the ◇K. Four rounds of trumps compelled West to discard in sequence his ◇J and ♡9 J K; so declarer had no problem in deducing that West was clinging to four clubs and that the ♣J was likely to be among them.

What would have prevented declarer from finessing the ♣10 for his thirteenth trick? Only the opening lead of a heart if he were experienced; yet a heart lead is precisely what West would have made if South had been satisfied to bid a small slam. In looking for two tricks instead of one trick to defeat a slam, the opener should play from a suit in which a high card provided by his partner will promote a trick in his hand. A passive defence against a slam is less successful than aggression; the time for a trump lead is not only when there is the indication of a coming cross-ruff but when the declarer is satisfied with a lower contract and has probably overbid his hand.

A good example is given in *Bridge Hands for the Connoisseur*, selected by the editor of the *Bridge Magazine*. I am not interested in the styles of the partners (one of whom has sadly died after playing for his country), but in the defensive possibilities. It is not surprising that the declarer made game against the odds because neither defender attempted to reconstruct South's hand. No score; dealer West.



East West had declared that their No Trump openings were strong (15-17 points), and South took advantage of this knowledge to make an aggressive bid. North had ample strength for a raise, despite the fear that West might produce four sure tricks; but the contract should have been easily defeated.

I have omitted to mention that North South were representing Charles Goren against the Aces who have since established themselves as world champions. What will surprise the reader is the sequence of leads by such experienced match players as West and East.

West opened the ♡A, followed by the ◇A and ◇7 to ◇K. Without any thought about his partner's position after six rounds of trumps, East returned a spade. Declarer won with the ♠A, ran his trumps and squeezed West between dummy's ♣Q and ♣ A Q 10. East deserved a black mark for his lead, because he was in the happy position of knowing that West could not hold the ♠A (for he would then have played it before the second diamond). So East's only safe return was a club straight up to dummy's ♣ A Q, on the chance that declarer had a singleton club, and thus to break the pending squeeze.

Because he had played according to standard practice West was not blamed for his poor defence. Almost any opening lead was superior to the ♡A which parted with control of trumps. He should have first played the ◇A if he were anxious to see dummy before making a plan of action. The deal reveals how outdated some teaching has become. Goren recommended that the defender on lead should open a trump whenever he expected dummy to have a short suit which might provide ruffing tricks. He gave as an example the situation where West must open against Four Hearts after the bidding has gone: South One Heart; North Two Hearts; South Four Hearts and all pass. If West's hand is powerful there are few tricks for North who must have raised on trump support with shortage in one suit—or so we were told.

I would argue the moot question whether West should abandon control of defence by playing the ace of trumps so early. Moreover, a trump lead of any size is dangerous when dummy holds a long suit which declarer can establish for discards after a defender has attacked his strength instead of his weakness.

Edward Mayer

Collecting

Throwing a personal pot

The pleasure that we nowadays take in anything that is hand-made largely reflects a revulsion against the machine age. However, there is a little more to it. The human agent inevitably puts a bit of himself or herself into the object created; we instinctively perceive something of this personal spirit or vision when we look at the object.

While the popularity of the hand-made is leading to a revival of interest in many craft fields, studio pottery in particular is blossoming. Individual potters are working up and down the country, with their own gas or electric kilns making pots of their own design. The Crafts Advisory Committee handbook, *Craftsmen of Quality*, includes no fewer than 102 and that is only the tip of the iceberg—such potters as wished to be on the committee's books and were accepted as of sufficient "quality".

The only drawback is that so much of what is being produced is nasty to look at. The new potters tend to take one of two approaches. Either they go for the primitive look, which may mean imitating the traditional rough country pots of Europe or early Japanese and Chinese pots—or else they go for eccentricity, the aim being to startle whether or not the result pleases the eye. This may mean following any of a wide variety of recent visual trends, among them surrealism, pop art and geometric abstraction.

The flowering of studio pottery is essentially based on the production of domestic wares for which there is a good market. Prices are generally modest—at least for the work of potters who have not been "taken up".

While a mass-produced mug from Woolworth might cost 50 pence, a hand thrown and decorated mug made by an independent potter might cost 75 pence or £1. More eloborate pieces may run up to £20 or £30 (£80-£100 for pieces by potters who have been "taken up".) It is not costly to acquire decorative hand-made items, either for domestic or ornamental use.

There are not yet many collectors *per se* but it is, in a sense, an ideal collecting field. There is so much work going on to explore and discover about; there are potters to visit in all parts of the country; a collection can be built up at relatively modest cost.



Photograph by David Facey

A pair of stoneware jars by Milly Finn, £30 from the Bladon Gallery.

The work of different potters will no doubt appeal to the eyes of different collectors, but I want to write here of two whose work is exhibited at the Bladon Gallery at Hurstbourne Tarrant in Wiltshire, Peter Vost and Milly Finn. They are the first contemporary potters whose work I have found it a real pleasure to look at.

I have written of the Bladon Gallery in these columns before. It is run by the Bladon Society, a charitable trust, and exhibits paintings and all types of craftwork for sale. The selection of exhibits is left in the hands of Peter Strong, the society's "artist in residence", who also runs the gallery on a day to day basis. Though the standard of exhibits is not uniformly high, it is a cut above most craft shops.

Peter Vost discovered his fascination with potting at Salford Technical College in the 1950s. During the 1960s he made his living from it, mainly making domestic wares, while doing a little part-time teaching.

He is now teaching pottery full time at Cricklade College in Andover and works on his own pots in holidays and spare time. Since he is not financially dependent on them, he is now free to experiment and try out new techniques which would not be commercially viable if he was making his living from them. This perhaps explains the quality of his work.

He works both in pottery and porcelain. His pottery is mainly light and delicate, with interesting glazes his special preoccupation. He does not usually go for "new" shapes, but for forms that have for centuries been known to please the eye. There are some very attractive goblets on ringed stems with a speckled brown matt glaze, close to the natural colouring of wood or bone (£2 apiece). He made a large series of them for a "Medieval" dinner.

His porcelain is generally simple, but often beautiful. It currently reflects the impact that the Chinese exhibition at Burlington House had on him; he mixes the *motifs, glazes and* shapes of different periods of Chinese art to interesting effect. His interest in the simple beauty of form, in bottles, bowls and dishes, echoes the Sung period. Many are white with incised or stamped decoration, sometimes echoing the zig-zag decoration of archaic Chinese bronzes. He is also experimenting with coloured glazes; there are two nice little sugar bowls with underglaze blue patterning and a quantity of pieces using a copper red glaze, the *sang de boeuf* of Ching monochromes.

One particularly attractive piece is a tall white jar or vase. Although it has straight undecorated sides, the shape is taken from an archaic bronze *ting*, with ring handles at each side and dragon zig-zag feet, separately shaped from thin strips of porcelain. It is one of the most expensive pieces at £28.

Milly Finn is also not financially dependent on her potting and thus free to do what she likes. She took up potting in the early 1970s after her children had married and left home, studying part-time at Farnham College for several years. She now works entirely at home where she has her own electric kiln.

Her pieces at Bladon are nearly all globular stoneware jars with painted decoration. Korean pottery of the fifteenth and sixteenth century has, she says, been the major influence on her work as well as Chinese.

She uses solid grey stoneware thrown in simple classic jar shapes, some small and fat, some taller and tapering; the proportions are traditional and well known to be pleasing to the eye, as are the domed covers surmounted by a small knop.

She decorates the jars with patterns of flowers and grasses. Her globular pots are mainly priced around £15-£20.

Geraldine Norman

Travel

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Cotswolds or the Welsh hills. *There is little doubt that the* Bahamas since independence have looked to the United States which is less than an hour away by air, for the tourism which brings in the greater part of their revenue. Parity is maintained with the American dollar, which is legal currency throughout the islands, although it is advisable to change back Bahamian dollars before leaving the country as their value slips on departure.

The British tourist may well wish to shake off this American influence and one of the easiest ways of doing it is to go to a small island like Walker's Cay, despite its geographical position. *The atmosphere, apart from the hum of the air conditioning, is much like that of* a comfortable Irish country hotel right down to the library which visitors are expected to add to, not subtract from. It is no surprise that the present manager did his training in County Limerick.

Walker's Cay sums up the dilemma of anyone holidaying in the Bahamas, which is the choice between bright lights and total seclusion. There is no possibility of walking down to the next bar for a pre-dinner aperitif on Walker's Cay because the island is the hotel and vice versa. It is completely self-contained right down to the private airstrip used to bring in *the hotel guests and the beach* where the conch are still living *and not empty shells as they* are in Nassau. It is a place for swimming, scubaing, sailing or simply sitting by the side of the pool watching the mocking birds and guzzling a zombie—the latter drink is made from seven different types of rum and the jeers of the birds seem to become louder as consumption progresses.

The Bluff House Club, close to the main island of Abaco, has a similar touch of old colonial graciousness. The word "club" is attached to many of the major Bahamian hotels and in ways is misleading: proposers and subscriptions are required no more than they are at the *Hilton, but there is the feel*ing of an inn depending on a certain number of regular visitors.

Those unwilling to trust themselves to a single hotel, with its quirks and its merits and its failings, may well find themselves happier at Treasure Cay on the north coast of Abaco. Here choice is all: choice of accommodation in bungalows or apartments, in or out of the hotel, upstairs or down, self-catering in a private holiday home or staying full board and switching between restaurants. Treasure Cay prides itself on having a certain amount of bustle, both in the marina, where fishing trips can be fixed on the spot and the catch grilled on return, and the golf buggies which rumble off from the shopping precinct to the golf course. There are 10 tennis courts where the masochistic sweat in temperatures which soon touch 100 degrees in summer.

If Treasure Cay is not lively enough, then there is still Grand Bahama and its capital, Freeport. Those visiting the Bahamas for the first time tend to be upset by the lack of vegetation. Certainly the southern islands, and Inagua in particular, are arid and provide nothing but scrub; it is almost as though tracts of the Kalahari Desert had been dug up and transplanted in the middle of the ocean. But Freeport is the exception. The high water table turns it into a lush area, stocked with the plants and shrubs one tries unsuccessfully to encourage in the greenhouse back in London.

Freeport is lotus land and the centre of the lotus eating is the Xanadu Princess Hotel where Howard Hughes spent so long in seclusion in the Penthouse that the whole establishment is now named after him. The Casino does excellent business, although I would advise skipping the floor show. I have little tolerance either for those elderly ladies with hard eyes and rapacious claws who haunt the green baize tables; they could all double for the Countess in *The Queen of Spades*.

Freeport has its detractors, who claim that it is an artificial town. But there is much to be said in its favour including a well-appointed airport, broad and admirably maintained avenues and a large market where the gold and shells are modestly priced.

In contrast to Freeport lies Eleuthera to the south, a long, hooked island in the shape of a seahorse, which is virtually bisected by the sea in the middle. Eleuthera has three landing strips, each of which describes itself as International Airport, although arrivals and departures tend to be handled by agents who hurry along to man the counters when they are told Bahamasair is on its way. Accommodation on Eleuthera ranges from the simple informality of the Current Club in the north to villas on Cape Eleuthera equipped with tape decks and hi-fi. I would recommend settling between these extremes, financially and geographically, and opting either for Winding Bay or its near neighbour Cotton Bay. Cotton Bay has a top class golf course and a manager from the Tirol who pays close attention to his restaurant: Winding Bay's beach has character as indeed do its private rooms. The adventurous may like to go native and try a meal at the Buccaneer Club half way down the island where both the food and drinks are cheap. But allow plenty of time, the kitchen works slowly and the roads on Eleuthera have potholes and pitfalls.

And so to Nassau, where the Bahamian tourist boom began and continues. Paradise Island, accessible via a bridge from New Providence (toll payable in *one direction only*), is all glitter and efficiency. The big hotel chains have their own night clubs and shopping arcades so that the idle tourist scarcely needs to move more than a few yards. But those with one eye on their travellers' cheques will soon calculate that two drinks in a smart bar will cost the equivalent of a full bottle of spirits in a liquor store.

The other main hotel centre is on Cable Beach, a 10-minute taxi drive from the centre of town. Beware of the outlying hotels, particularly those specializing in golf, which is usually the way of indicating that no one cares about the kitchen. The Balmoral Beech on this stretch of sand has handsome public rooms and bedrooms, but on the evidence of an off-season visit both the restaurants and bars were below standard; the hotel, however, has recently changed ownership and may well improve. All the bustle is at the Nassau Beach, but so too are the conventions.

But where is the real Nassau? In part in the residential area behind the main shopping street. Those who do not insist on a beach could well consider *Graycliff, which has admirably* furnished rooms, the best food I encountered on the island and a garden conducive to dozing over a book from the hotel shelves. Close to Graycliff are pubs and wine bars, all very SW3 chic with Courage on draught and quiche and salad for lunch. The other Nassau is the native area around Wulff Street. I went there one Saturday when the locals were downing the Guinness on their doorsteps and chartering under the trees. Prices are rather different from those on Paradise Island and at the Three Queens for $7.50 you can have conch chowder, turtle steak and a duff filled with guava rather than plums. Local cooking at its best, but do not be in a hurry.

It is virtually essential to go to the Bahamas on a package. Bahama Island Holidays and other leading tour operators start their prices for a fortnight at about £300, but read the brochure carefully and see what is included apart from air travel and a room. Some hotels quote for full pension and outdoor sports, others for room, dinner and breakfast only and yet others for room alone. What looks cheap can turn out to be expensive, and vice versa.

Having taken the package there is no reason why it should not be interrupted with a privately organized excursion. Haiti is one obvious place, but I went by air to the Turks and Caicos Islands ($170 return) for the basic reason that the name is hardly likely to be on the lips of any but stamp collectors. T & C remains British, Somerset Maugham land with the overhead fans gently breathing over the ice in the sundowners. The islanders on Grand Turk, the seat of Government, mock their own obscurity with names such as *Brooklyn Bridge and The White* Cliffs of Dover. The colony used to exist on the salt industry, but is now content to export conch shells and crawfish tails.

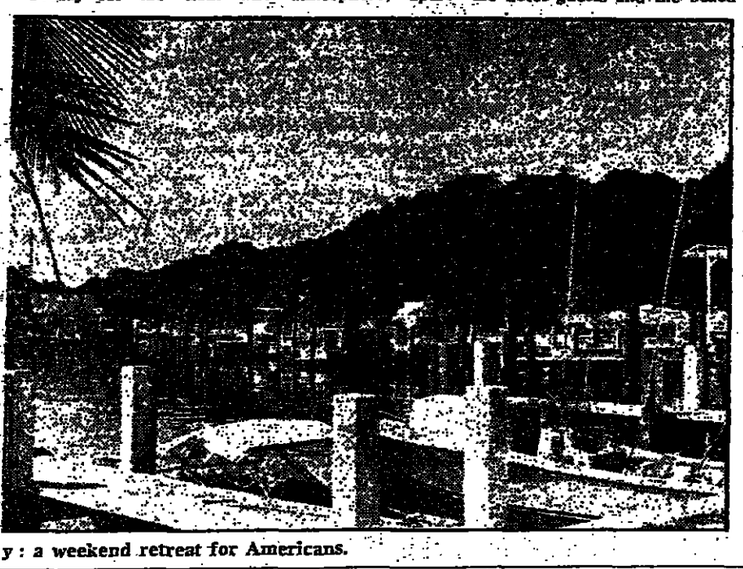
None of the hotels on Grand Turk is especially inspiring, except to those with a strong taste for nostalgia, but on North Caicos there is a well sited development at Whitby where the hotel is called, no surprise, The Prospect. Ken and Sandra McLeod run a family establishment where even the two ospreys who roost on the wireless aerial and the pair of cranes strutting through the undergrowth have names. The beach stretches for ever in either direction and the pelicans overhead will be watching to see which way you take.

It is a place for naturalists, divers, beachcombers, those who mess around in boats and like to catch their own supper on the ocean bed and even for those content to sit on the sand and let others do the work.

Quite a lot can be said for outposts of the Empire: there are not many left.

John Higgins

In an article on skiing in *The Times* of November 10 it was stated that Supertravel holidays in Sansicario were more expensive than those of other operators. This was true when the brochures were published but since then Supertravel have introduced a special range of cheaper holidays in Sansicario with the services of a representative who will ski with clients.



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As a change from a straight wine, you might make the Beaujolais version of vin blanc cassis: a "rince cochon", which is new Beaujolais plus a teaspoonful of cassis liqueur. The result is a very brilliant red drink, with a surprising *kick. When Khrushchev visited* Burgundy, the hosts were hesitant about offering him a drink with this name, so they rechristened it a "Nikita". My own choice, from the eight "Nouveaux" stocked by Laytons, would be that of Pasquier Desvignes, admirably fruity with a delicious after-taste; it costs £2.82 the bottle. Do chill both the wine and the liqueur to make the drink really refreshing.

Apple juice is a drink liked by most people. Chill well and make a "Normandy" cocktail by putting a measure or tablespoonful of grape brandy or *Calvados into each wine goblet* before topping up with apple juice. The proportions should be about five parts apple juice to one of brandy so, if you make up the drink in advance, measure the spirit against the juice.

Although strawberry vermouth has been on sale in Britain for some years, it will be a novelty to many. Use it with any inexpensive sparkling wine, such as those frequently on sale in "bargain baskets" or else those made by the cuve close (sealed vat) method, widely available from both France and other countries since the evolution of this method by the originator of Veuve du Vernay.

Put a good teaspoonful of Chamberyzette strawberry vermouth (£2.30 a bottle from branches of André Simon in London) into each glass and top up with chilled white sparkling wine to make a "Pink Cloud". This has the advantage of not being a particularly strong drink but, if you want to give it more alcohol, then use a slightly larger glass or goblet and add a teaspoonful of any of the apricot, peach or orange-flavoured liqueurs. There are many of these, Abricotine *and Apry being among the best-*known of the apricot spirits, Southern Comfort with its peachy flavour and all the orange curaçoas, of which Cointreau and Grand Marnier are the most famous. If you have a miniature of any of these, it will provide the spirit base for three or four "cocktails", topped with the sparkling wine.

Cherry brandy is a cold weather drink by itself (traditional in flasks taken out shooting) but it can also make pleasant fruity mixes. A "Chéri" is half and half cherry brandy and dry vermouth, shaken with ice. It may also be utilized as a northern version of Sangria: use a miniature of cherry brandy to one bottle of inexpensive red wine, plus the peel of an orange and a lemon. Allow the fruit, wine and spirit to amalgamate for about an hour, then add ice-cubes and a small bottle of soda water. This, which I have known referred to as a "Kentish Cobbler", is a good drink for a *party of mixed ages and drink*ing habits, as it is fruity without being too sweet, although a little sugar can be added if liked. It can be made up in larger amounts in advance of being served, but it should have the ice and chilled soda added at the last.

In the Armagnac region, an excellent apéritif, known as the Pousse Rapière, has been evolved in recent years. It is supposed to be strong enough to give the swordsman who has spitted his opponent and who needs a final twist of the "wrist of iron" of d'Artagnan's day to pull out the blade. The Pousse Rapière consists of an Armagnac flavoured with bitter orange; a measure of which is then topped up with the vigorous sparkling dry wine of the Gers. Lacking the original ingredients, it is still possible to make an acceptable version by adding a few drops of an orange-based liqueur to a tablespoonful of Armagnac and topping this with a really dry sparkling wine—the wine should have a real hardness rather than any sweetness.

Finally, a long drink, very pretty in appearance, created by the barman at Zurich airport recently. It is very refreshing *so ideal for the type of sultry* day that can occur even in December. For this Zurich Airport Special, use a really big goblet; put in one measure (or the equivalent of an eggcupful) of Cointreau and the same of Campari, half a measure of fresh lemon juice, stir well and top up with chilled apple juice and a splash of soda. The result is an alluring pink and the flavours combine admirably.

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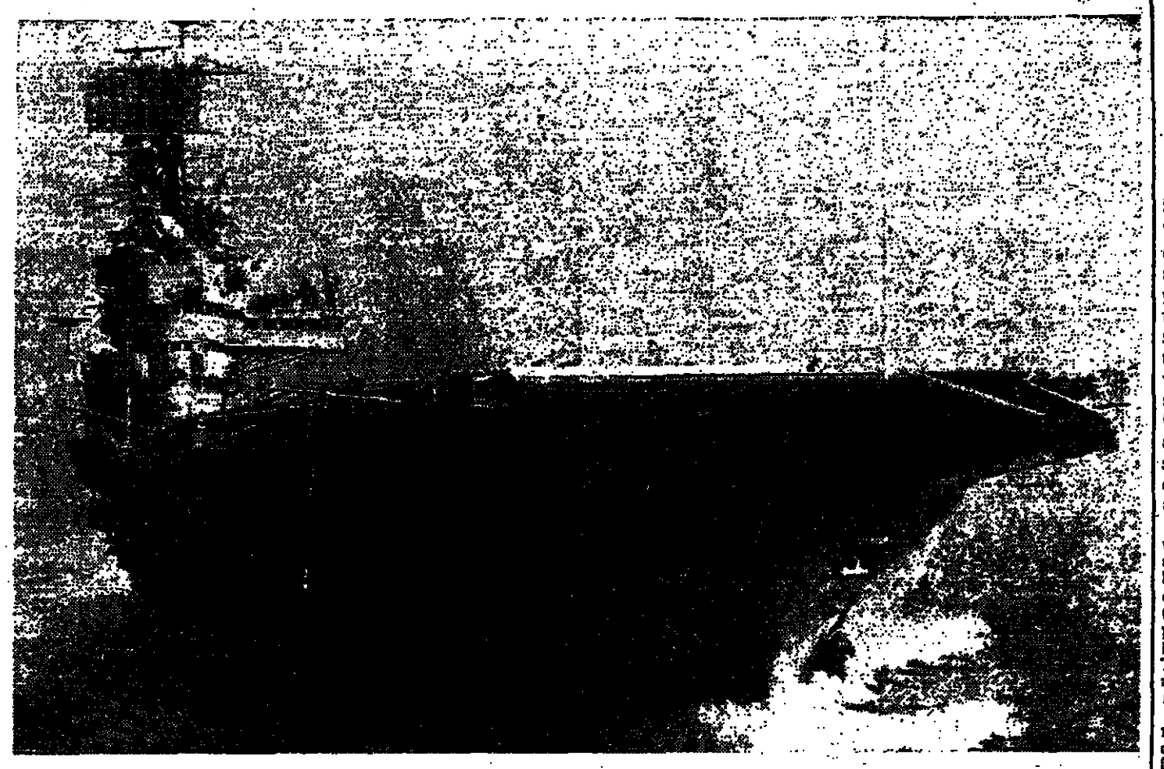
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Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent, on the twilight of 43,000 tons of naval history

Ark Royal, the last of the big ships, sails over the horizon



The Phantom, Buccaneer and Gannet aircraft of HMS Ark Royal will take off from its angled flight deck for the last time on Monday before flying back from the Mediterranean to start a new half-life with the RAF. In a week's time the Ark Royal itself, the last of Britain's big strike carriers, will be paid off at Devonport, before being broken up for scrap or, improbably, turned into a floating museum.

The end of this 43,000-ton leviathan, the biggest ship in the fleet by more than 20,000 tons, is not in itself remarkable. It was launched by Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, in 1950—when Mr Attlee was Prime Minister, and the Korean War was starting. It joined the fleet five years later and now, after 23 years service, would need another extensive refit, if it were to remain at sea for much longer. Most of the tears next Monday will be shed by those who have not recently had to serve in her.

The significance is not therefore that the Ark itself is now sailing towards oblivion, but there is no directly comparable successor to take its place. The decision not to build one was taken, amid controversy, by Mr Denis Healey when he was Secretary of State for Defence in 1966. It was prompted partly by the apparent vulnerability of big ships in an age of long-range guided missiles, partly by Britain's diminishing commitments far from home, and principally by the cost. With its 30 fixed-wing aircraft, nine helicopters, and crew of more than 2,600 men, the Ark Royal itself represents an expensive concentration of resources. Its running costs alone, at 1976 prices, are more than £17m a year.

Next Monday's homecoming will not mean the end of the Fleet Air Arm, a point on which the Fleet Air Arm, at its Yeovilton headquarters, is understandably sensitive. By the mid-1980s it should still have 150 front-line aircraft, in addition to 100 more for training and support, embarked on a higher proportion of ships than ever. But most of these will be helicopters, either the large anti-submarine Sea Kings or the versatile Lynx. Of those at sea only 35 will be fixed-wing aircraft—the sub-sonic, vertical take-off Sea Harrier—unless the present order is increased.

Moreover the Sea Harrier will not come into service until 1980, when the first five will embark on HMS Hermes, converted from its recent role of commando carrier to that of anti-submarine carrier until the new through-deck cruisers have joined the fleet. Until then Britain will have no fixed-wing aircraft at sea for the first time since the First World War.

Still, from the Fleet Air Arm's point of view things could be much worse—and a few years ago it looked as if they would be. The 20,000-ton through-deck cruisers, Invincible, Illustrious and one still to be ordered, will be the largest ships built for the Royal Navy for 20 years. Each will form the centrepiece of an anti-submarine task force, whose main purpose in wartime would be to preserve the integrity of the Eastern Atlantic sea lanes. Each will have a flexible mix of five Sea Harriers and about 10 Sea Kings, and will cost an estimated £167m at 1976 prices by the time it has been completed.

Nor should the Sea Harrier, with its Sidewinder air-to-air and new P3T anti-ship missiles, be underestimated—particularly now that the addition of a ski-jump in the bows enables it to take off with an extra 1,200 pounds of weapons or fuel—or to shorten its take-off so that the deck space could be used for other functions.

Five Harriers can hardly be compared with the 12 Phantoms and 14 Buccaneers on Ark Royal. But their vertical/short take-off capability should at least speed up their reaction time—and should obviate much of the necessity for regular patrols. Moreover they should be able to take off and land on a pitching deck more easily than can, say, a Phantom. So the new squadrons may not be as powerful as the old, but they are arguably more flexible. Other navies are moving towards the British solution of relatively small carriers with vertical take-off aircraft, and the Royal Navy might claim with some justice to have blazed a trail.

When extra maritime support is called for, the Royal Navy will have to rely upon the RAF. The new Tornado air defence variant (ADV) will have the kind of range and loitering capability required when it enters service with the RAF in the mid-1980s—particularly when refuelled in mid-flight by tanker aircraft. But the RAF has hardly enough planes as it is, and operations far out to sea take time and are tiring for pilots. Shore-based support is a second best alternative to organic air power within the fleet.

Now that Britain has lost most of its overseas bases the loss of the Ark Royal detracts from the Navy's ability to intervene in crises far from home. For most of the time this does not matter because Britain could not afford to intervene even if it wanted to. The Ark Royal itself has never had to fire a shot in anger. But the loss of this floating airfield could have implications for the oil routes in wartime—if North Sea energy reserves are to prove as short-lived as the most recent forecasts suggest.

Soon the work of dispersing the carrier's crew and removing its equipment will start—a job which will last until the end of next May. But first will come the ceremony next Monday when the ship will sail into Devonport in the early morning light. The Fleet Air Arm is trying not to make too much of the homecoming. For political and professional reasons it is trying to look to the future rather than to the past. But the Ark will inevitably be engulfed by a flood of emotion which even Noah might have had trouble in surviving. It will be partly sentiment on the passing of a famous ship, and partly nostalgia for an age which the Ark Royal has symbolized. The most poignant reflection is perhaps that the age was over before it even put to sea.

Requiem for a school for spies as Kim Philby's alma mater closes

Shemlan, Lebanon

The water supply has been cut off again at Shemlan and for the second day running the phone lines are down between the village and Beirut. Just south of the main street, past three drowsy Syrian soldiers who sit next to the grocery store, the British Foreign Office's fine Arabic language school—the *Alma Mater* and second home for a generation of ambassadors and spies—is almost deserted.

'The school was a honorable contribution to the Arab world'

A corner of the foyer is piled with packing cases and trunks, and a chalked message on the blackboard opposite the front door still advises students that they should consult their Principal Instructors before embarking on a visit to East Beirut. Trips to London, says the anonymous writer, are "recommended".

To me it all seemed rather irrelevant. The last British student packed his bags and left for England two days ago, leaving only a few teachers and the school's peripatetic Foreign Office director, Mr Julian Walker, to pace the empty classrooms for a final clear out.

Months before the Foreign Office finally announced the evacuation of its Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies, its demise had become inevitable. But its final departure from Lebanon is a sad, historic affair all the same, for the school was an honourable contribution to the Arab world even if one of its students was among the most prominent of British traitors.

In theory the school is not really closing. Its 33 students—there were 60 before the Lebanese civil war—have flown to London to continue their high-pressure Arabic courses in the stone confines of Palace Chambers in Bridge Street, Westminster. But, as its former students admit, there will be nothing quite like learning a language in the neat little white-painted school in the olive groves high in the mountains above Beirut.

For 28 years, after its removal from Jerusalem, via Jordan, the school has provided future British ambassadors with a ten-month intensive course in spoken and written Arabic with about 10 hours of tuition and homework a day, five days a week. The old boys are scattered round the world now and it is difficult this empty autumn at Shemlan, where the villagers have vainly petitioned the Foreign Office to stay on, to conjure up what life was like there.

How on earth, for instance, did Britain's present Ambassador in Damascus, the brilliant, impatient and blunt personality of Mr James Craig, stand the claustrophobic atmosphere of the little village? And how did the students cope with the "correct manner" of dress sternly laid down by that former director, Sir Donald Maitland, now Britain's Ambassador to the EEC?

In one of the empty classrooms overlooking the sea an untidy pile of photographs which have curled in the sun shows that her Majesty's servants did try to take life easy in their salad days. Before the civil war here that eventually led to Shemlan's collapse, there were very respectable dinner-dances at the [illegible] Hotel and the pictures show rather strained faces of diplomats in earnest conversation with ladies at table, to be said that they look as though they were enjoying themselves.

Perhaps the Melkon's tions and the relaxation Cliff Restaurant in the close by appealed to th serious tastes of the Middle East correspond *The Observer*, Mr Kim who—though not himself dent—would drop by frec in the early sixties for a and, no doubt, some in tion-gathering among Foreign Office friends.

Philby, perhaps the known of all Soviet age still remembered in the as a friendly, charmin whose atrocious Arabi further marred by a stutter. He spent much time in Beirut, holding c the St Georges Hotel al friends recall that they always surprised at the r of aerials on the roof flat in Kantari.

It was that other spy, Blake, who really gave Sh its bad name. Blake was student at the school and to have spent part of his there under the eyes British Secret Service Lebanese Duexieme Bure several other security org well. Mr Walker, who d know Blake, suggests dis that the spy spoke poor A was only a temporary s and was probably farmed Shemlan by the Foreign because he was already suspicion. This, howeve not prevent the Lebanese leader demanding the clos the "spy school" at Sh It never quite recover reputation.

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Robert

No smokescreen without fire in Parliament

Fred Emery

Ever since the Government survived the vote on the Queen's Speech, and so procured what looks like a safe passage until the spring, Parliament has come to seem a perfunctory sort of place. None of the pending legislation stirs mind or passions. And what the Government does initiate—such as vehicle tax abolition, increase in TV licences—it takes care to do so by written answers. The latter, of course, mean that there is no immediate challenge in the Commons.

Nonsense, retorts Mr Michael Foot to complaints that the Government is by-passing Parliament; manifestly, however, it is seeking to lose pursuers round the side streets rather than taking the direct route slap through the place.

Instead, the place is kept alive by jolly things like Question Time, at least for the gallery visitors aid radio listeners. And occassionally MPs indulge that pleasant feeling of being part of great international events, such as when the Prime Minister announced that he was sending Mr Cledwyn Hughes off to see whether a Rhodesia Camp David, a settlement by seclusion, is feasible.

Most MPs seemed to cross their fingers that Mr Hughes, the nicest of men, would be successful. But there was, once the glow faded, no hiding the deep scepticism that much could ensue. Scepticism has become endemic. As Mr Callaghan is fond of joking with guests, his minority Government has no visible means of support, so it is understandable why it seeks the quietest life possible, leaving ministers to get on with government, as they like to say. But its efefcts are more interesting.

First, the warm human side. With three-line whips going out of style, some MPs are getting to know their wives and children again; some have even been to the theatre! Government whips, alarmed that the troops might get used to the current non-reporting for evenings at Westminster, are ntxt week actually arranging a couple of votes, to test reflexes, as it were.

But of course the political adrenalin flows to different levels, when the parliamentary contest fades. This has affected both major parties quite differently. Broadly speaking, Conservatives seemed plunged in the dumps of another wave of frustration. On the Labour side, mainly on the left, there has been a grand resharpening of knives over the whole range of EEC issues.

The Labour attitude is also part-born of frustration. One prominent left-winger confided last week his contempt of the Prime Minister as a man afflicted with arrogant paranoia, always knowing best, riding rough-shod over the party, intolerant of criticism. But where Conservatives in and out of Parliament are audibly fretting, the Labour left reckons that it can do something about its frustrations.

The left may have to acquiesce in the 5 per cent pay policy which it abhors, but it sees a chance over the next few months of wrenching the Labour Party onto a tough new anti-EEC course, in the hope eventually of precipitating Britain out of the Community.

The European direct elections next June will be the chosen vehicle by way of seeking the return of anti-EEC members. Before that, however, the left—which is not an organized body, of course—will try to make it impossible for the Prime Minister to join the European Monetary System, even as a sort of honorary member.

Speculation that Mr Callaghan will eventually lend himself to denigrating Europe is, I reckon, now very wide of the mark, even assuming some of his past equivocations. As a man who once basked in President Carter's terming him "president of Europe" (while Britain was in the EEC chair), Mr Callaghan has also done and said enough recently to stay firmly on the side of promoting Britain's role in Europe.

Conservatives, as the pro-Europe party, ought to be exploiting Labour's difficulties here, but their own frustrations are a distraction. Inevitably, the let down of a put-off election was dispiriting. But depression has gone farther. Where Tories jeered that Mr Callaghan was running scared, now some seem to be talking themselves in to the fantasy that he might run for ever. Much has contributed to the disarray; Mr Heath, the opinion polls, their own vexation.

One backbench Tory, a recent enthusiast of Mrs Thatcher's, moaned that he now knew what it must have felt like to be a Labour MP during Mr Harold Macmillan's time—doomed to eternal opposition. And some young, enthusiastic Tories encountered at a function of the Bow Group would not be argued out of their gloom that the Prime Minister probably had them beaten.

Depression produces actions that lash out. Consider the hapless Winston Churchill. Only a fortnight ago many of his colleagues were furious that Mrs Thatcher sacked him for defying instructions in voting against Rhodesia sanctions. Yet, defying logic, they quickly found his subsequent conduct, in appearing to challenge and certainly publicizing the decision, a worse offence. So they denied a defence committee post to the man who had been a front bench spokesman on defence.

And why, some Tories are now complaining, is not Mrs Thatcher speaking out? She has, in fact, been active in the House of Commons. But outside she has not given a speech since October 21—and that was in Spain. At home her last speech was at the party conference, six weeks ago.

Subject matter abounds. But what of Mrs Thatcher and EMS? The Conservative group for Europe is satisfied that a Shadow Cabinet majority has come out in favour of the political principle of joining. But Mrs Thatcher seems to be veering away from EMS as proposed.

Mr John Nott, shadow Minister of Trade, to whom she is known to look as an authority, in a speech last Wednesday significantly dissented. He had some pungent remarks for the French and Germans in deriding their scheme but come out for a fully fledged monetary union, with a common currency and abandonment of exchange controls. Mrs Thatcher apparently doubts whether Mr Callaghan's inteerst in being "of" EMS rather than "in" it is a viable option.

So the differences simmer on. It is going to take all Mrs Thatcher's courage and intervention—and she wil lnext week be back on the air with interviews and speeches—to keep some of her "summer soldiers" in heart through a long winter.

Could David Machin become the writers' Arthur Scargill?

If authors as a body were a militant lot, negotiating across the board royalty scales, threatening strike action over 5 per cent, and arguing—most cogently no doubt—for free collective bargaining, then David Machin would rapidly become as well known as Clive Jenkins, Arthur Scargill and Tom Jackson.

Mr Machin takes over as General Secretary of the Society of Authors on Friday, and the trade union analogy is not as far-fetched as one might think. Following a referendum earlier in the year, the 3,000 members of the society voted by a large majority to apply for trade union status. The application was duly confirmed three weeks ago.

But the society is not affiliating to the TUC, so banish from your minds the image of intervention by Len Murray at Congress House as Mr Machin calls on his members to down pens and let typewriters gather dust, keys untapped, after a breakdown of negotiations with the Publishers' Association.

As a professional organization for authors, the society has always preferred to devil away quietly, offering its members guidance on legal and business matters, such as the vetting of contracts. In a more general way it increasingly works to advance the interests of writers, and, as Mr Machin points out, as a recognized trade union it now has legal backing in its negotiations with organizations such as the BBC to improve rates for members.

The maxim of Bernard Shaw is quoted on the society's prospectus: "When we begin working, we are so poor and so busy that we have neither the time nor the means to defend ourselves against the commercial organizations which exploit us. When we become famous suddenly, passing at one bound from the state in which we are, as I have said, too poor to fight our own battles, to a state in which our time is so valuable that it is not worth our while wasting any of it on lawsuits and bad debts. We all, eminent and obscure alike, need the Author's Society. We all owe it a share of our time, our means, our influence."

Shaw was as good as his words, and today the society earns an important part of its income through handling his estate as well as more than 20 others, among them those of Sean O'Casey, T. S. Eliot, John Galsworthy and James Joyce.

Mr Machin who is 44, joins the society with a background of literary agent and publisher, latterly as deputy managing director of Jonathan Cape. His appointment is being made in view of the approaching retirement of George Astley and Victor Bonham-Carter, two of the triumvirate who make up the present ruling secretariat.

Mr Machin's arrival coincides with the society's involvement in two major issues currently manifesting themselves. On Monday the case of Andrew Boyle, biographer and former editor of the BBC's World at One, comes before a hearing of the Special Commissioners of the Inland Revenue. Mr Boyle is appealing against a decision to treat his £1,000 Whitbread prize four years ago (which he won for his biography of Brendan Bracken) as earned income and therefore subject to tax. In a week when Iris Murdoch has won the £10,000 Booker Prize, and the Wolfson Foundation has given £11,000 in prizes for history, Monday's hearing has considerable significance. Literary prizes one day, football pool winnings the next?

In Mr Boyle's case the society has done more than simply utter platitudes. Treating this as a test case, it is sharing the cost of Mr Boyle's appeal with Whitbread and his publishers, Hutchinson. Mr Machin sees a broad[illegible] tive to the case. "If the decision goes against Boyle [illegible] means that companies like Whitbread are merely putting more money to the taxman. This is hardly going to encourage more companies to patronage of the arts."

In a wider context the Society of Authors has been actively involved in the implementation of some form of Public Lending Right for authors.

As to the future Mr Machin sees Britain's membership of the EEC as providing plenty of scope for the society's energies. As he points neither the British trade's addiction to price maintenance nor ou rating of books for VAT keeping with general p in Europe.

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Kerry Packer's flying circus comes to town

At Sydney's domestic airport last Monday evening the England cricketers now touring Australia came face to face with Mr Packer's travelling circus. The Englishmen were flying north to Brisbane, their rivals west to Perth. It was, in a sense, a tragic meeting, which both sides might have preferred to be spared. Conversation between the parties was not so much false as forced: the mood was less one of recrimination than regret.

World Series Cricket had just completed a fortnight in New Zealand, during which they had played on poor pitches, before poor crowds and in poor weather. Alan Knott, who was all smiles at the airport, batted nine times in New Zealand for scores of 2, 3, 2, 7, 7, 3, 0, 1 and 4. Tony Greig's eight innings were worth 0, 4, 4, 0, 19, 1, 3 and 8; Woolmer made 0, 4, 17, 7, 16, 5 and 30. They batted 24 times between them for 149 runs, an average, that is, of just over six. Dennis Amiss was more successful: although out five times for 10 or less he did pass 50 twice.

For the next 11 weeks World Series Cricket will be playing in Perth while England are in Brisbane, or in Sydney while England are in Melbourne, or somewhere else where the others are not. Theirs will be a different sort of cricket, played with a coloured ball, in coloured clothes and under a different set of rules. A lot of it will be at night under artificial light; much of it will be highly spectacular. Such is the publicity it is being given that it seems sure to attract a larger following than last year. The commercial which appears countless times a day on Mr Packer's TV channel, made up of the most exciting shots from earlier WSC matches, is aimed at making the Ashes campaign seem a sober affair.

Last Monday's convergence, therefore, was no ordinary meeting of friends and county colleagues. It had invidious undertones; yet perhaps in years to come it may be seen as a moment when, through discord, the seeds of harmony were sown. Meanwhile the sides go their separate ways, one set of players carrying great responsibilities, the others none. It is a sad thought that if Greig or Knott or Underwood or Woolmer or Amiss, all of whom played in the centenary Test match in Melbourne in March of last year, should turn up at the England dressing room on this present Australian tour, they are not to be admitted.

■ The Australian golf world has also been rent asunder by Kerry Packer. Since 1976 he has sponsored the Australian open championship on an increasingly lavish scale, raising the prize money from £20,000 to £130,000 and importing at great expense several leading American players. For this year's championship he brought over Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw, Lou Graham, Jerry Pate, Bruce Lietzke, Tom Kite and Ed Sneed. With only Nicholas Faldo, Maurice Bembridge, Peter Dawson and Manuel Ballesteros to represent the European circuit (Severiano Ballesteros flew out of Australia a day or two before their championship began) and no one at all from South Africa and the Far East, it was not a truly international field; but once again it was dramatically and colourfully presented on Mr Packer's Channel Nine.

Twenty-two hours of live golf were shown on 36 stations throughout Australia. Thirty-eight cameras covered the course and to the sponsor's untold advantage the national network (ABC) was out on strike. When Nicklaus, who had started the week by catching a 1,356lb black marlin from Mr Packer's luxury vessel, finished it by winning his umpteenth Australian title, Mr Packer's cup was overflowing. Although Peter Thomson described it in one of his brilliantly readable newspaper articles as a "dull open" that was not a view shared by the golfing public.

So why the division that has developed between Mr Packer on the one hand and the Australian golfing establishment on the other? The answer lies in the fact that the Australian Golf Union (AGU) are in danger of losing control of their championship. Mr Packer insists that so long as it is staged by him it must be played on the Kensington course in Sydney, which he has had redesigned for the purpose by Nicklaus himself at a cost of £300,000. The AGU believe, like Peter Thomas, the president of the PGA, that in the best interests of Australian golf their premier championship, like the British and American opens, should rotate, Melbourne has one of the finest collections of golf courses in the world; never to hold the championship there, which would happen if Mr Packer were to have his way, would obviously be wrong.

The Packer sponsorship was for three years, to be extended subject to the agreement of both sides. In the event the AGU have decided to run it again themselves, backed by Dunhill money rather than Mr Packer's, and as a result Nicklaus, Crenshaw and the rest are expected to withdraw their formidable support. What the Americans and Mr Packer have in mind is a rival tournament so massive in its conception and televised on such a scale as to dwarf the open itself. As in cricket, in fact, so in golf, Mr Packer, in his bid for power and with the eager cooperation of some well known players, has made two sides out of one. "If I return to Australia at all", Nicklaus said, "it would probably only be to Sydney". Thomson said: "There is a new era coming".

■ Nicklaus's marlin is to be displayed in a Florida country club he is designing. To have it mounted and returned to the United States will cost over £2,000; but just as a day's rough shooting can mean more to a tycoon than all the board rooms in London, so a notable catch off the barrier reef can supply the world's greatest golfer with a moment to perpetuate. Nicklaus was about to change his bait from Bonito to Mackerel when his Marlin struck. To land it took him six hours 25 minutes. "He was a real tough, fighting fish", the champion golfer said.

■ Displaying to advantage the legs that cover the court, Susan Barker was watching the Australian open golf. "The biggest thrill of my life" was how she described Britain's victory in the Wightman Cup. As soon as Faldo had completed one of several rather disappointing rounds of golf he has played here recently (he finished forty-eighth in last week's open, compared with Bembridge's twenty-first and Dawson's fifty-first). He and Miss Barker went off to watch the Englishmen playing cricket. Miss Barker has just started playing golf; to see Faldo playing cricket shots with a golf club would make him more than a one-game man.

■ At Canberra Airport the morning after he had scored 123 not out against a New South Wales country XI, I commented to Geoffrey Boycott upon his running of the day before. It had been a long and slow outfield and he had had more than enough exercise to give his troublesome knee a thorough testing. "I reckon I ran 200 runs, and that's two and a quarter miles of hard sprinting", he said, which may give an idea of how carefully he works things out.

■ One of the delights of going Australia with a cricket team is to meet the old players who have kept in touch with the game and love the chance to boast a little. It is possible to choose a powerful side from former Australian Test cricketers who have seen the Englishmen in action and come to wish them well. In batting order it might go something like this: Arthur Morris, Jack Fingleton (or W. A. Brown), Don Bradman, Neil Harvey, Lindsay Hassett, Keith Miller, Alan Davidson, Ray Lindwall, Don Tallon, Clarrie Grimmett and Bill O'Reilly. Richie Benaud is, of course, otherwise engaged.

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that exchange rate still remain to be en now it is not r to what extent an intervene in the *rkets will be placed* rities in a particular n their currency is deviating by more amount from the ll member curren- eless, the signs are ch in particular will remaining formal d that the system introduced will in n extension of the snake", presented cum of extra cloth- e psychological and blems for those who might prefer not to seem simply to be joining a Deutschmark-based "zone of stability".

Critics of the United Kingdom have been saying that the British Government has not been negotiating in good faith about the EMS; that the private hope throughout has been that our partners would fail to reach agreement. Even those who share doubts about the technical wisdom of what is being proposed have taken the view that, by standing once again on the sidelines, the United Kingdom is further gravely damaging its political and diplomatic standing within the Community.

It is certainly true that the British contribution to these last months of negotiation on EMS could have been better handled. The truth is that the Government was caught by surprise when it became clear that, despite strong objection on every hand including within Germany, the essentially political initiative by Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard was in fact going to result in positive action. They were faced with the real danger of a run on sterling whichever way they played the British hand. The markets might have thought that sterling was not strong *enough at prevailing exchange* rates to stay within a mark dominated regime; if we seemed to be going in. Or they might have thought that it was an admission of the underlying weakness of sterling, if we seemed to be staying out.

Sterling, however, has withstood the uncertainty of these past weeks and the Prime Minister is well justified in the position that he seems to be taking. On the one hand, this country has as strong an interest as any in progress towards greater exchange rate stability. On the other, an enlarged snake arrangement is almost certain to break down sooner rather than later, damaging the cause of European monetary stability in the process and perhaps provoking more of the currency instability it was intended to *reduce. There can be no point in* joining a particular and specific exchange rate regime which will not work. There is every point in joining a general endeavour to promote over a medium-term time scale greater monetary and economic stability in Europe.

The unpalatable fact is that there is more divergence of inflation rates at present between European economies than between most other industrial countries. Equally, there has been more instability between European currencies themselves than between European currencies and the dollar. Any hope that a technical arrangement in the exchange markets can long contain those fundamental pressures is futile. Greater stability will only come from *the collective application of* convergent economic policies designed to promote stability. In that part of the EMS exercise the United Kingdom should be an enthusiastic founder member, but not in the misguided exercise of enlarging the present currency snake.

LEDWYN HUGHES MISSION

men for Mr Cledwyn ission to southern all sections of par- pinion, now greatly strategy for getting settlement, applaud the Prime Minister's e. This means that, report to Mr Cal- he possibility of a ll British politicians t it. His discussions private as possible as time reasonably re will be all sorts but his judgment n the totality of his in which the Ameri- Mr Low, will partici- behalf of President h everybody con- Callaghan made clear is not to negotiate. basically, to ask the e Rhodesian tragedy come to a confer- what conditions. ion of conditions is, own the weary years with the Rhodesian *he prime one.* Of Mugabe and Mr ld come to a car- piègne, or its equiva- pt a surrender by the ernment. They have t that is not on. To ther a conference, Mr Callaghan is possible at this stage means finding out whether there is an agreed basis for talking round a table, or even at separate tables, behind close doors. That is why Mr Callaghan, to the distress of some MPs, put forward again the Anglo-American plan, as *modified in the interlude*, as the basis for the talks. The Executive Council of the interim government have indicated they would attend talks, but if they set unrealistic preconditions, like a ceasefire, then Mr Cledwyn Hughes will have his answer from that quarter too.

Mr Callaghan did not make it entirely clear if Mr Hughes, in testing attitudes, was to attempt any persuasion. Yet to send him changes the situation. Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe, their colleagues and their advisers, amongst whom the frontline presidents are paramount, must take the point that if Mr Cledwyn Hughes returns to London with their uncompromising No, amounting to a decision to fight until they get unconditional surrender, while Salisbury gives an unqualified Yes, that will have repercussions in Westminster and Washington.

For should it emerge that the Patriotic Front *intends to fight* and terrorize its way to the end, while Mr Smith and his black colleagues are prepared to talk on some reasonable basis, then Britain's relations with the Front and with Salisbury would be affected. The present bias towards the Patriotic Front, and abstention from a constructive intervention in Salisbury, could not long be sustained. British opinion would not support settled belligerence against undertakings to negotiate, belated as these may be represented to be. It is therefore not at all certain that the Patriotic Front can persist in its intransigence to the point of risking a reappraisal of policy in Britain. For it has not won the war, it is not united (rather the reverse) and there are signs that its bases are insecure.

Mr Callaghan has chosen his moment with some skill. Parliament wants him to do something. There are still pressures, still uncertainties, to induce all parties in Rhodesia to talk. But Mr Hughes's job is to report not just whether there are some hopeful tendencies in a dark scene, but whether "conditions exist for a conference leading to a negotiated settlement to which all parties would adhere"—a far harder thing. For, as Dr Owen has noted, the only card left to *play is a successful conference. It* is for Mr Hughes to say if this card can now be played.

ON A TIGHT REIN

never much chance being given as large the television licence they had wished. hese fees are rela- by international stan- ey are peculiarly and no government to court disfavour election coming up next twelve months— government that has much emphasis as this providing no excuse e pay rises. The BBC ious financial plight, mounting towards its ceiling and engineer- particular drifting off cial television because *re attractive salaries* no government at e of national economic would be likely to rporation much finan- for manoeuvre.

less, the effect of the it's decision is not just. BBC will remain in circumstances for the at least. That is un- especially when the be approaching at quality of the service is threatened, but what is more serious is that the whole licence fee system is being undermined. The principle of this system, as *it applied in the happy days* before severe inflation destroyed so many assumptions, was that it provided a method of financing the corporation that did not depend upon frequent government decisions. The level of the fees was fixed, the Post Office received payment for collecting them and the BBC got the rest of the revenue they brought in. There was no vexatious business of having to negotiate an annual grant, with all the opportunities that would provide for subtle government pressure.

The formal structure of this system remains intact, but it has become increasingly a formality as the pressures of inflation have made it necessary to revise the level of fees so frequently. The annual negotiation over the BBC's income, which the system was designed to avoid, has become almost the norm. The corporation had hoped this time for increases that coul dlast for three years: what they have been given should be enough, so the Home Secretary expects, for about a year.

If this state of affairs continues the principal benefit of the licence fee system will be lost, and the BBC's morale will be damaged by the continual uncertainty over next year's income If the corporation is to remain a popular broadcasting medium —though, one would hope, without the obsession over the ratings that has been too much in evidence in recent years—it should be in a position to compete financially for popular programmes. That is one of the conclusions to be drawn from the March of the Day furore. The BBC is unlikely to have as much money as the commercial companies, but at least it should have a better idea than at the moment of the resources available over the next few years. The best way of achieving that would obviously be to keep inflation *well under control. The second* best way would be to keep the licence fee system but to specify the steps by which it will be raised over a period of years ahead. Only if inflation was right out of control would they have to be changed.

old trade names

erry Stancliffe

ately Mr Bernard Levin in his belief that he may y refer to such articles and formica by these rour columns ("Another le face of capitalism", 22). The only relevant rade mark owners in this e those given by S4 of Marks Act 1938 and use of registered words ce—as trade marks. The ks Act is about trade, not f speech, and it is un- think that any judge ly it to restrict writings othing to do with trade. and you, Sir, may sleep nights unless you are ng in the electrical appli- building trades.

son for the discouraging Levin has been getting mark owners is not that any right to stop the m adopting their marks tive designations: it is act the public does adopt in this way, the unlucky trade mark owners are in danger *of losing what rights* they do possess, because descriptive words are legally unregistrable. Indeed there is an action now on foot in the United States to cancel a well-known trade mark there, just *because it has allegedly* gone into such public use. So it is understandable that trade mark owners wish to discourage public general use of their words. Perhaps some go too far and represent that they *have a right to do so.*

It is hard to see that the trade mark laws represent an unacceptable face of capitalism in the way that Mr Levin describes. What he may have come up against is an undesirable result of the complexity of present-day law, which creates opportunities for making empty threats against recipients who may have no ready access to legal information and no redress against those who threaten them. In this case, the incentive for making such threats against literary users of trade names seems to arise from the paradoxical and unfair position that a maker of a "household name" brand of goods may find himself in, that he may suffer loss of his right to go after real commercial pirates just because his product is so widely and affectionately spoken of.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY STANCLIFFE,
13 Blake Gardens, SW6.
November 22.

Henry Moore in the Park

From Mr T. S. Parr

Sir, Although the sculptures by Henry Moore now on show in Kensington Gardens are undoubtedly great works of art, and although it would be a fitting tribute to him to *show them in some large open* air space, I feel that their presence in Kensington Gardens is contrary to the original Bridgeman design, where art was intended to imitate nature.

Had he wanted sculptures in the park, he would have included them in his original plan.

Yours faithfully,
TOM PARR
39 Brook Street, W1.
November 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allegations in court

From Lord Stow Hill, QC

Sir, I read in yesterday's edition of *The Times* (November 22) what Lord Goodman says with regard to himself. I find myself in exactly the same position as he is with regard to some passages in your account of the Jeremy Thorpe proceedings. I shall make my own statement *about this in due course.*

Yours faithfully,
STOW HILL,
House of Lords.
November 23.

Medical accountability

From the Director of MIND

Sir, Your leader (November 22) following the publication of the *Normansfield Hospital inquiry* report draws attention to the clinical autonomy of doctors. From numerous press reports it would be easy to deduce that Dr Lawlor's methods of working were unique and that clinical autonomy was therefore not an issue of more widespread and practical importance. But, whatever happened at Normansfield, the question must be asked, how much power should doctors be able to wield without, *apparently, any built-in account*ability to their managers and colleagues?

The medical profession must now accept their responsibility to higher authority. A formal structure for *monitoring their standards and prac*tice, which could take the form of a team operating at regional level, is urgently needed. Strong medical representation on such a regional team would be necessary but the composition should be multi-disciplinary. Any team which monitors the performance of medical staff must have the legal power to carry out its job effectively.

The National Development Group for the Mentally Handicapped has stressed the need for a service less dominated by the NHS. This must mean that responsibility for mentally handicapped people is shared with a wider range of professional staff than at present. Many consultants in mental handicap appear to be resisting these moves, which makes the need for enforceable accountability imperative.

Yours sincerely,
TONY SMYTHE, Director,
MIND (National Association for Mental Health),
22 Harley Street, W1.
November 22.

Higher petrol taxes

From Brigadier Lord Ballantrae

Sir, Are not swingeing increases in petrol taxes instead of retaining car licences yet another instance of national policy being dictated by urban thinking? It looks at first sight as though country-dwellers are once again being penalized for being a minority.

It is the country-dwellers who produce such *foodstuffs as are not* imported, to sustain the town-dwellers; whose railways were mostly dismantled two decades ago; who have little, and usually inadequate, public transport; whose *overheads in moving themselves* and their products are already crippling; and whose access to hospitals, whether as patients or visitors, is painfully difficult.

The parish in which I live is equidistant from two towns, both 15 miles away, where our nearest railway stations are; many other communities are infinitely more remote than we are. Our petrol already costs 6p to 7p more than in the cities, where there are alternative means of transport. Road licences may be a heavy imposition, but at least they bear evenly on all. Higher petrol prices are going to hit the country-dweller plumb in the solar plexus: hence this anticipatory grunt.

I have the honour to remain your obedient servant,
BALLANTRAE,
Auchairne,
Ballantrae,
Ayrshire.
November 22.

Mr Mugabe's list

From Mr George Martelli

Sir, Lord Walston's letter (November 23) epitomises the illusions and prejudices which have characterized his party's handling of the Rhodesian situation and are largely responsible for its deterioration since the internal settlement.

For example, he believes that the present struggle is about white "oppression", when in fact it is about who should rule when the blacks take over. For abandoning the Congo without making proper provision for their succession the Belgians were universally blamed; and yet it is precisely this, it would appear, that Lord Walston would like the Rhodesian whites to do.

It would have been easy for Mr Smith, any time in the last few years, to have murmured "*après moi le déluge*", and headed for safety in South Africa.

It is greatly to his credit, and for the benefit of both black and white Rhodesians, that he has refused to do so, and stuck at his post.

Lord Walston's other great mistake is to assume that the men of violence rather than the moderates represent the majority of blacks. As well assume that the IRA represent the Catholics in Northern Ireland! If it were true why should the Patriotic Front refuse to take part in elections that are not controlled by themselves?

Finally it seems that Lord Walston condones atrocities so long as the end justifies the means. History has shown, however, that it is the means which condition the end; and this suggests that, if the Patriotic Front ever gained control, the black Rhodesians would be subjected to a much bloodier tyranny and a far more evil oppression than anything ever suffered under the whites.

I am, Sir, etc,
GEORGE MARTELLI,
Wooth Manor,
Bridport,
Dorset.
November 23.

The magistrates' hearing in England

From David Weitzman, QC, MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington (Labour)

Sir, My parliamentary colleague, Mr Fairbairn, QC, in his forceful letter to you, seeks to stress the superiority of the Scottish system. In my view, he overlooks certain advantages in the English system.

The majority of the accused have the advantage, where a prima facie is not proved in the Magistrates' Court, of having it quickly disposed of.

The accused is brought before the Magistrates' Court at an early date. If the case was sent to the Crown Court for trial at first instance, there would be a long delay because of long lists now awaiting hearing.

Where there is a committal the accused learns the strength of the case against him and can prepare for hearing in the Crown Court.

When a member of the Tucker Committee, I advocated that restrictions should only be lifted if *all* the accused persons requested this. If this were done, it would help to remove some of the disadvantages to which Mr Fairbairn refers.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WEITZMAN,
House of Commons.
November 23.

From Dr and Mrs Gordon Atkins

Sir, We hesitate to disagree with Nicholas Fairbairn (November 23) with his greater knowledge of the procedures in the Scottish courts. We have experience of only one prosecution and based on this there are a number of points which do not support his obvious enthusiasm for the Scottish system. Although not disagreeing with his comments concerning the magistrates' hearing at Minehead from our experience the Scottish procedures can be just as "cruel *and wrong*".

Mrs Margaret Atkins was suspended from duty for 14 weeks and prevented by the Procurator Fiscal from knowing the allegations made against her. Not until June 1977 was she charged with assaulting a patient in her care whilst employed as a ward sister. She knew only the statements of the charges at that time and not until September were the full allegations given to her defence lawyer.

Thus for a period of 27 weeks she was not allowed any details as to why she was being prosecuted. Due to interference by a television company, the trial did not proceed and Mrs Atkins was not exonerated *until a Fatal Accident Inquiry* in May, 1978.

To quote from Sheriff Nicholson's determination "the accusations against Mrs Atkins amount to very little, if anything" and later "I do *not consider that anything has been* established with regard to the actings of Mrs Atkins that is in anyway reprehensible".

The point is that, under Scottish Law (I quote from a letter written by the Lord Advocate) "the law does not permit the prosecution to interview a person who is alleged to have committed a criminal offence".

We maintain that, if the allegations had been investigated under the English procedures, Mrs Atkins would have known from the outset what the allegations were and had she been asked to explain them at that stage, then no prosecution would have ensued.

*If it had proceeded to a magi*strates' hearing, with reporting restrictions, then she would have been acquitted without all the attendant, damaging publicity.

Thus we disagree, in this case, with Nicholas Fairbairn. Although the Scottish and the English procedures are different there are instances where both systems can be equally cruel and damaging.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET ATKINS,
GORDON ATKINS,
60 Caivstane Terrace,
Edinburgh.
November 23.

From Mr G. D. Ward

Sir, The comments of Mr Fairbairn which appeared in your newspaper (November 23) are pertinent and well argued, to support the view which he takes and makes clear. Others are entitled to take a different view and it is to be assumed that so far they have been in the majority.

The law at any rate is clear and *the proceedings at Minehead are* taking place of course entirely according to law. It is for Parliament to be persuaded that any change of law is required, if indeed it is. The courts must operate within the terms of the law as it exists day by day.

It is when a case such as the present one at Minehead is so fully reported by the media (as it has legally every right to do) that the question is likely to be raised as to *whether this procedure is in the* interests of justice.

Of course, one could argue that the "cruelty and wrong" of the English procedure is self-induced in the present case, since this reportage could not take place unless one of the accused requested that reporting restrictions be lifted: this is what has happened in the present case.

It may be of interest to know that in 1976, one of the Benches, *of modest size, which I serve as* Clerk, prepared a paper which questioned the need any longer for committal proceedings and suggested that at least they could be reduced to those cases only where the defence declared an intention to submit that there was no case to answer, or at least that one or more of the charges should be altered or reduced.

My justices suggested that, if a charge was preferred which was *only triable on indictment, then it* should so proceed. The Prosecution must make responsible decisions when preferring charges and face the consequences if they are ill-chosen.

The legal committee of the Magistrates' Association considered this I know most carefully, but felt that any proposal to reduce the right of a defendant to have full committal proceedings was not likely to be entertained at the present time.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. WARD,
4 Westgate,
Thirsk.
Yorkshire.
November 23.

From Mr William J. Ward

Sir, I am sure that I am not alone in being surprised at the vulgar prominence given by *The Times* and other newspapers to what you have chosen to call the "Thorpe conspiracy case". That such extensive coverage should last for the whole of the present hearing hardly bears contemplation.

As I understand it, the present hearing is for the purpose of establishing whether there is a case for the defendants to answer such as will merit their being committed for trial. That being the case, it is reasonable to assume that all the evidence now being heard will be given again if the defendants are committed.

I suggest that the trial is the time for the evidence to be extensively reported if it is felt that the minutiae of the case are worth reporting, which I doubt.

I can hardly believe that the importance of the evidence merits the space that you have seen fit to give it, and it is a pity that you and other editors appear to have treated the lifting of reporting restrictions as a dispensation of the necessity for a sense of proportion that should have been retained.

*Incidentally, BBC radio news*readers have now denied Mr Thorpe the courtesy of a title or a Christian name, and he is now referred to by his surname alone.

An explanation of the reason for this *new practice would* no doubt be illuminating as I know of no reason why Mr Thorpe should be referred to in a way that some might regard as being appropriate only for a man already convicted.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM J. WARD,
13 New End,
Hampstead, NW3.
November 22.

Christians in Russia

From Mr Daniel Servini

Sir, In his third Reith Lecture, Dr Norman asserts that repression of religious rights does not take place in the Soviet Union. I am afraid to say he is in considerable error.

Religious persecution in the Soviet Union takes such forms as the violent breaking up of prayer meetings and the destruction of *churches: the often hysterical out*bursts in newspapers and journals against religious worship; taking away of children from the care of their parents and the denial of the rights of believers to teach their beliefs to other than their own children.

In Lithuania and Moldavia there are severe restrictions on the local Catholic churches; in Moldavia only one priest is allowed to function in a population of four million. The measures taken against the Catholics of one Moldavian village were reported in *The Times* of October 19: the forcible destruction of their new church, the only place of worship in the village, in a KGB action involving 300 men. The number of churches, mosques and other places of worship has been drastically reduced, though not on the initiative of any religious leaders. There are still reports of priests being persecuted for maintaining their allegiance to the Eastern Rite Catholics (the Uniates), whose church was liquidated in 1946 and incorporated into the Russian Orthodox Church and half of whose 2,950 diocesan priests were then imprisoned for refusing to submit.

It is no less misleading of Dr Norman to give the impression that the dissident religious opposition consists of small minorities imbued with nationalist or liberal Western ideals. Whilst such ideals may be present amongst some members of these minorities, the number of people who have had the courage to protest about religious persecution is indicative of the substantial opposition which such policies can arouse amongst ordinary Soviet citizens. The dissenting wings of the Baptists and Pentecostalist churches number hundreds of thousands of active members; 10,000 Pentecostalists have applied *to emigrate from the USSR because* of religious persecution; and 17,000 Lithuanian Catholics signed a petition to Mr Brezhnev in 1971 about the repression of their church.

If doubts still linger amongst your readers—*including* Dr Norman—about repression of religious activity in the Soviet Union, they are welcome to enrol in a major international campaign which Amnesty International is about to commence. *The materials we have prepared will* leave them in no doubt; and their active participation in the campaign will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL SERVINI, Chairman,
Co-ordinating Group for Prisoners in the USSR,
Amnesty International British Section,
Tower House,
8-14 Southampton Street, WC2.
November 21.

The Cenotaph service

From Colonel C. R. W. Norman

Sir, If Mr Townsend (November 18) were to visit this village he would find carved on our war memorial the name of a soldier from his own regiment who was killed in action in the Korean War.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD NORMAN,
Milton Mill,
Near Abingdon.
November 18.

Not done

From Mr Christopher Bond

Sir, A fellow purporting to be King Edward VIII keeps appearing on my television screen. Last night the bounder was wearing tails with *a ready made bow tie.*

No wonder he had to abdicate.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOND,
Savage Club,
9 Fitzmaurice Place,
Berkeley Square, W1.

Boycott by scientists

From Dr J. E. Allen and others

Sir, The next topical conference in the field of laser-plasma interactions, which is concerned mainly with the *peaceful harnessing of nuclear* fusion energy by laser induced compression of matter, is to be held in Moscow next December. As a group of scientists working in this field we have decided to boycott this meeting publicly in protest at the recent violations of human rights in the Soviet Union.

It seems evident that visits by Western scientists in the USSR have not significantly changed the repressive attitude of the Soviet government to free expression of individual opinion—indeed, the recent increase in repression has occurred despite increased contact over the past 20 years by Western scientists. We feel that in such a situation we have no alternative but to adopt a different policy, namely a public boycott, to bring pressure on the Soviet government and to provide moral support for those Soviet scientists who hold similar views to our own.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. Allen, *University of Oxford*; J. M. Boyd, University of Wales, Bangor; D. J. Bradley, Imperial College, London; D. D. Burgess, Imperial College; K. D. Evans, University of Leicester; T. J. Goldsack, Imperial College; C. Grey Morgan, University College of Swansea; M. G. Haines, Imperial College; T. P. Hughes, University of Essex; J. Killeavy, Imperial College; E. W. Laing, University of Glasgow; R. W. Lee, Imperial College; G. J. Pert, *University of* Hull; N. A. Tahir, University of Glasgow; L. Wickens, University of Oxford; P. R. Williams, Rutherford Laboratory; R. J. Dewhurst, University of Hull.

The Piltdown hoax

From Dr L. B. Halstead

Sir, Dr Kenneth Oakley suggests (November 7) that Professor W. J. Sollas may have had occasion to use potassium dichromate in connexion with hardening fossil material in preparation for serial sectioning—a method of investigation pioneered by Sollas. I have checked, as far as is possible, all the fossil material which Sollas subjected to serial sectioning. Without exception he studied highly mineralized or indurated material and in none of the lengthy accounts of his preparative techniques have I discovered any reference to the use of potassium dichromate for such a purpose.

There is evidence that the medieval orang utan lower jaw which made up the Piltdown jaw came from the Natural History Museum itself and was provided by Dr M. A. C. Hinton (a former Keeper of Zoology). Indeed, according to Hinton himself the Piltdown man hoax was initially planned and executed within the Museum.

The current scenario would seem to be one of an extensive conspiracy involving Hinton, a few other colleagues in the Museum, with Teilhard de Chardin contributing a Tunisian elephant tooth and the "missing" canine. The expertise involved in the wide extent of the Piltdown hoaxes still *assuredly points to Sollas.*

I remain, yours faithfully,
L. B. HALSTEAD, Reader in Geology and Zoology,
University of Reading,
Whiteknights,
Reading.
November 21.

'Death due to stress'

From Dr H. P. Ferrer

Sir, I would agree with everything that Dr Keynes has said in his letter of November 20 about death due to stress, except for his last sentence.

There is a considerable distinction between overwork and stress and strain. Overwork may not have ever killed anybody, but there is circumstantial evidence that stress and strain might have done.

Surely the problem of modern life is the fact that people may put a disproportionate amount of work into a job and then suffer the stress and strain of the frustration of very little output or noticeable result.

Yours sincerely,
H. P. FERRER,
Area Medical Officer,
Hereford and Worcester Area Health Authority,
Love's Grove, Castle Street,
Worcester.

Incomes policy

From Mr Neil Carmichael, MP, for Kelvingrove (Labour)

Sir, To improve his argument Nicholas Ridley (November 22) drags out the old myth of the skilled tradesman and his huge earnings.

He doesn't even use the £400 a week figure which is the usual way of passing on the story in the suburban pub. No, no, he goes straight for £20,000 a year.

The occasional bricklayer on the very special job for two or three weeks might just reach the former figure but we should be given a bit more evidence before we allow anyone to use the latter figure unchallenged.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL G. CARMICHAEL,
House of Commons.
November 23.

Rare buttonholes

From Mr T. K. Macdonald

Sir, Mr John Taylor, in his letter of today's date (November 23), is not quite correct regarding the correct decoration for the everyday button-hole.

The appropriate button-hole for Highland Dress is a sprig of heather which does not require a reservoir and will remain fresh, even after the wearer *may have wilted.*

Yours faithfully,
T. K. MACDONALD,
Waulkmill Cottage,
Peterculter,
Aberdeen.
November 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 24: The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief of The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), was represented by Brigadier L. A. H. Napier at the Memorial Service for General Sir David Peel Yates which was held in Brecon Cathedral today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 24: The Duchess of Kent, Comptroller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, today visited the Intelligence Centre, Ashford, Kent.
Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will attend meetings of the Bureau of the Federation Equestre Internationale, and ordinary General Assembly, in Paris from December 10 to 14.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception on December 4 at Lancaster Town Hall for the presentation of the town's citizen of the year award.

Birthdays today

Lord Devlin, 73; Sir Cosmo Haskard, 62; Professor A. M. Honeyman, 71; Mr Gordon Richardson, 63; Major-General Sir Peter St Clair-Ford, 73; Dr Robert Shackleton, 59; Sir John Summerson, 74; Lord Tweedsmuir, 67.
TOMORROW: Sir Charles Forte, 70; Mr R. W. Hamilton, 73; Sir Frank McFadzean, 63; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 55; Mr Emlyn Williams, 73.

Today's engagements

Lectures: Conservation, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, 3. "The Victorian bride of high fashion", Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green, 3. Northern Gothic sculpture, Victoria and Albert Museum, 3.30. Renaissance in the North (2), National Gallery, 12.
The London Crafts Centre, Jubilee Market, Covent Garden Square, 10.30.
Exhibitions: Barry Flanagan, Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, 10-4.
Racing pigeon show, Alexandra Palace, Wood Green.
Walks: In the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, meet Baker Street station, 2.

Tomorrow

Joint committee of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian women's organizations' Christmas bazaar, 72 Queensborough Terrace, Bayswater, 11.
The Prince of Wales attends concert given by the Australian Musical Foundation, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 7.20.
Walks: Dockland, meet Tower Hill station, 11. Dicken's London, meet Blackfriars station, 2. High life and scandal, meet Sloane Square station, 2. Discovering London, Soho, meet Embankment station, 2.
Concert: Music by John Blow, St Bride's Choir, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 6.30.
Festa Malaysia, art and culture, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, 2.30-5.

Christian conservatism and the biblical message

Why do religious people tend to be conservative? This question is urgent for those who identify with the prophetic spirit and want to see religion as a force which troubles and changes men. So often, at least in the post-Christian West, religious belief seems to go with social conformity and moral and political rigidity.

It has become fashionable, in the past hundred years to trace the blame to the first few centuries of Christian life when the gospel spread into the Greek and Roman world. Here, it is argued, the revolutionary message of Jesus was slowly turned into a religion, acquiring on the way crippling layers of abstract philosophy, dogma and myth, and finally, under Constantine, political respectability.

This old argument has gained new theological force from the dialogue between Christians and Marxists. It is possible to combine the rhetoric of these opposing creeds into the following thesis.

The God of the Bible has nothing to do with the God of Greek philosophy, who is abstract, without passion and beyond history. The God of the Bible is personal and reveals himself in history and human politics. He is also biased passionately on behalf of the poor.

The nation of Israel, and the new Israel, the Church, have always been in danger of lapsing from their revolutionary faith into a form of pagan religion. In the Western world pagan religion has won, thanks largely to Constantine. The God of Western Christians is abstract and absolute, beyond history and politics. The Church is, correspondingly, conservative. It resists change in this world, preaching that man's only hope is a merciful judgment beyond death.

If this thesis is accepted the Greek and Latin fathers of the Church have a lot to answer for. But is it fair to blame them for what may turn out to be a mood of nervous apathy among present-day Western Christians? The gospel of the cross is, after all, a stumbling block to Jews as well as folly to the Greeks. Are the radicals right to draw such a sharp distinction between the God of the Greeks and the God of the Jews? I think not, for the evidence of the Bible is far more complex than the radicals suggest.

The radical thesis requires that we isolate the true Palestinian gospel from its Hellenistic background. In practice this is an impossible task. At the time of Jesus most of the important figures in Jewish life and thought were deeply influenced by the wisdom of the Greeks. Palestine itself was not outside this movement though it was stronger in the Greek speaking cities of the dispersion, where the first non-Palestinian churches were to grow up. The gospels themselves are a tightly woven synthesis of Judaism and Hellenism, and attempts to distinguish between the strands has so far proved unsatisfactory. One small example of this is provided by recent scholarship on St John's gospel. For years this has been regarded as the gospel of the Greeks and its characteristic language and imagery has been thought of as alien to the Hebrew mind. Yet now many scholars question this and some would assign it an impeccable Palestinian origin. This is particularly significant as John's is the least "radical" of the gospels. Here the notion of the Kingdom in the future is transformed into the idea of eternal life in the present. And the claims for Jesus are the highest in the New Testament.

Even in the Old Testament there is scant evidence for a single revolutionary theology. Different theologies co-existed, sometimes in harmony, sometimes in conflict. Besides the prophetic tradition there is the royal tradition of the house of David with its stress on the Jerusalem temple and a centralized priesthood. Alongside this the Hebrews produced a flourishing wisdom tradition which introduced speculative argument about the nature of things allied to a careful, homespun morality. From this tradition comes the writings of the Preacher whose God seems particularly far away from the depressing cycle of human existence.

Even the prophets would have shared little with present-day radicals. The purity of faith they called for was passionately conservative. They started from the mighty deeds of God in the past and called for present renewal rather than future change. This critical conservatism is worlds apart from the conservatism that the church is part of today. But the prophets reveal a clue to our own discontent. Their call was to insecurity, suffering and community in obedience to God.

Yet the conservatism of religion today arises from a context where personal security, peace of mind and individual happiness are the preached message and the notion of obedience seems to have been replaced by the model of participant democracy. Perhaps radicals and conservatives alike should consider how far they have allowed the church to be conformed to the world. The biblical message, in all its different forms, challenges the world with a word that is both within its grasp and beyond it.

Angela Tilby

Forthcoming marriages

Mr Y. Berkkan and Miss J. M. Pipe-Wolferstan
The engagement is announced between Yasar, younger son of Mr L. Berkkan and of Mrs Berkkan, of Nergis Sokak 15/6, Ankara, and Julia Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Pipe-Wolferstan, of The Old Bakehouse, Shalbourne, Wiltshire.

Mr P. F. Bonstred and Miss A. M. Norman
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bonstred, of Highgate, London, and Anne Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Norman, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr R. Boyd and Miss C. F. M. Diver
The engagement is announced betwen Robin, son of Mr John Boyd, of Reston, Virginia, and Mrs Wiliam Leach, of New York, United States, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Diver, of Stone Allerton, Somerset.

Major C. J. T. Davey, RTR and Miss D. A. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of the late Major-General B. C. Davey, CB, CBE, Jurat of the Royal Court, and of Mrs Davey, of St Aubin, Jersey, Channel Isles, and Deborah, third daughter of the Very Rev H. Rhodes and Mrs Cooper, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Mr R. K. Leon and Miss A. Muñoz Arreche
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr and Mrs J. K. Leon, of Redcar, and Aurora, younger daughter of Don Angel Muñoz, of Madrid, and Señora Doña Marcelina Arreche de Alia, of San Sebastian.

Mr D. G. Long and Miss J. C. Brookshaw
The engagement is announced between Douglas Long, OBE, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Long, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Janice, only daughter of Mr H. P. Brookshaw, MC, and Mrs Brookshaw, of The Old House Farm, Saunderton, Buckinghamshire.

Dr D. P. Dearnaley and Dr J. M. M. Cooley
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs Dearnaley, of Abergavenny, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. P. Cooley, of Manchester.

Dr R. G. Pearse and Miss E. C. van der Steen
The engagement is announced between Richard Granville, son of Wing Commander and Mrs J. G. Pearse, of Harston, Cambridge, and Elisabeth Catheria, daughter of the late Dhr G. van der Steen and Meyr van der Steen, of Ridderkerk, The Netherlands.

Mr J. R. M. Phillips and Miss J. M. Wroe
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mrs E. A. J. Phillips, of Hartlebury, Worcester, and Mr J. R. M. Phillips, of Wilmcote, Stratford-on-Avon, and Janet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Wroe, of Wombwell, South Yorkshire.

Dr B. J. Rathbone and Miss S. W. Pedersen
The engagement is announced between Barrie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I. J. Rathbone, of Rustlings, Ascot, Berkshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs D. L. Pedersen, of Stondon Cottage, Stondon Massey, Essex.

Mr T. L. Richardson and Mrs A. R. Wasiqullah
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs A. L. T. Richardson, of Elmsted, Kent, and Alex, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. D. Ratcliff, of Palisades, New York.

Mr K. L. J. Samengo-Turner and Miss V. J. Flynn
The engagement is announced between Keith Lawrence John, second son of Mr and Mrs W. L. Samengo-Turner, of The Old Rectory, Sullington, West Sussex, and Victoria Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. H. Flynn, of Albany House, Sandisplatt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Dr R. N. Swanson and Miss H. C. McDouall
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. N. Swanson, of Flixton, Greater Manchester, and Heather, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. McDouall, of Souldern, Oxfordshire.

Luncheon

Civil Service Department
Mr Alfred Morris, MP, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House for senior Dutch civil servants attending a study course arranged by the Civil Service College, with the aid of the Scottish Office and other departments. The Netherlands Ambassador was among those present.

Reception

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London
The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London presented trophies and awards for 1977 last night at Clothworkers' Hall. The Master, Captain Leonard Holdstock, presided and proposed the toast to the guests, to which Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, Commander-in-Chief, Strike Command, replied. Among the guests and award winners were: The Master of the Clothworkers' Company, Air Vice-Marshal D. B. Craig, Group Captain B. J. Jackson, Mr J. L. B. Cowan, Mr R. D. Campbell, Mr N. C. Lewton, and Flight Sergeant D. J. Jones, with their ladies.
Miss Jean Batten was among those invested with the livery of the company at a court meeting held earlier.

Dinners

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the livery dinner given yesterday by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr Rodney FitzGerald, with Mrs FitzGerald, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr L. G. Mayhew, Mr J. W. T. Amey, Mr M. W. Garrett and Mr R. W. Nichols, accompanied by their ladies. Others present included: The Swiss Ambassador, Lady Melchett, the Hon Mrs Grimston, Miss Esther Rantzen, Mr Alderman Ralph Hedderwick, the Masters of the Innholders' and Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Blenders' Company, Mr Donald Sinden, Professor John Treasure, Mr H. W. S. Horlock, Mr Peter May, Mr Peter Yarranton and Mr John Gale, with their ladies.

London Athletic Club
Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, entertained the London Athletic Club at their annual dinner held in the House of Commons last night. Mr Emlyn Jones, director of the Sports Council, proposed the toast of the club and Mr H. C. Lowen, president, who was in the chair, replied. Mr John Le Mesurier and Mr Arthur Gold also spoke.

Old Cholmeleian Society
The Old Cholmeleian Society held their annual dinner at Plantation House last night. Mr D. E. Brewster, president, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr R. C. Giles, Headmaster of Highgate School, J. R. Hill, head of school, Mr Justice Neill and Lord Chelwood.

Lord Brockway
Lord Brockway entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday. Among those present were: The Ambassador of Liberia, the High Commissioners for Tanzania, Bangladesh and Nigeria, the Chargé d'Affaires of Laos and Dr R. U. Hingorani, chairman.

Service dinners

Royal Naval Engineering College
The Flag Officer Plymouth, Vice-Admiral Sir John Forbes, and Lady Forbes were guests of honour at a ladies' guest night dinner held yesterday at the Royal Naval Engineering College, HMS Thunderer. The commander of the college, Commander A. E. Sturgeon, presided.

RMA Sandhurst
A dinner was held last night at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the passing out from Sandhurst of the first postwar intake of officer cadets. The guest of honour was General Sir Hugh Stockwell. Among those attending were: Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin, Major-Generals I. H. Baker, E. A. Burgess, P. F. A. Sibbald and A. R. Leakey; Mr R. W. Wordley and Mr D. Harrison.

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)
The regimental dinner of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) was held at Glencorse Barracks yesterday. Major-General D. T. Young, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The guests included Brigadier D. R. MacLennan, Scottish Divisional Brigadier, and Mr D. B. McMurray, Headmaster of Loretto School.

CAD Kineton
Staff and students of the 1958 IOO's course held a twentieth anniversary dinner at CAD Kineton last night. Brigadier R. L. Allen and Brigadier F. P. Crawley presided.

Reynolds portrait of lady eclipses companion piece

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Feminism won resounding support from bidders at Christie's yesterday when a vast formal portrait of the Viscountess Dudley by Joshua Reynolds was sold for £42,000 while the companion portrait of her husband made a meagre £7,000.

Each is depicted in the robes of a peer or peeress, complete with coronets, and set against a tall arch draped with a rich curtain. Christie's had estimated the pictures at £8,000 to £10,000 each. Both sitters are shown in middle age.

It is quite usual for portraits of ladies to fetch more than gentlemen but to fetch a top price the lady usually has to be pretty. She usually wears prettier clothes than the man, which was not the case on this occasion. The viscountess was bought by Agnew's, the Bond Street dealers, and the viscount by Colnaghi's, just across the road.

Otherwise Christie's sale of English paintings contained mainly pictures of medium quality which brought medium prices, totalling £420,450, with 13 per cent unsold. A portrait of John Thornborough, who was Chaplain in Ordinary to Elizabeth I and was Bishop of Worcester, went to Leggatt's at £1,700 (estimate £800 to £1,200) on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery.

At Sotheby's fine French and Continental furniture made £316,300, with 13 per cent unsold. A cylinder bureau by C. C. Saunier, of around 1780, inset with panels of *tole laqué* in imitation of Chinese lacquer, made £22,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). A Boulle commode of around 1710 attributed to north Germany or the Netherlands made £19,000 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000).

In Zurich, Sotheby's yesterday completed their week of sales, which together totalled £7.5m with 16 per cent unsold. The three main jewel sales contributed the bulk of that result, totalling £4.8m, with 22 per cent unsold.

Latest wills

Lord Brownlow leaves £3,462,185

Lord Brownlow, the 6th baron, of Belton, Grantham, lord-in-waiting to King Edward VIII at the time of his abdication in 1936, left £3,462,185 net. He left to the Prince of Wales a painting of the lying-in-state of King George V, which was given to Lord Brownlow by the Duke of Windsor. After personal bequests he left the remainder of his property mostly to his grandson, Peregrine Edward Quintin Cust, aged four, on reaching the age of 25.

Mr James Maxwell Hannay, of Dumfries, left £853,527 net. He left £100,000 to a charitable trust.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Guest, Mr Ivor James, of Walsall .. £188,806
King, Mr Derek Moss, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset, formerly of Edgbaston, chartered auctioneer and estate agent .. £236,776
Nicholls, Mr Eric Sydney Aubin, of St Margaret's Bay .. £249,362
Thomas, Mr Robert James Webb, of Canford Cliffs, teacher £231,941

Memorial services

Lieutenant-General Sir David Peel Yates
The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Wales, and Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, Colonel Commandant, Prince of Wales Division, were represented by Brigadier L. A. H. Napier at a memorial service for Lieutenant-General Sir David Peel Yates held in Brecon Cathedral yesterday.

The Very Rev Ungoed Jacob officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, the Ven Harry Williams, and the Ven J. R. Yeuens. Captain Julian Peel Yates (son) read the lesson and an address was given by Lord Chalfont. The Lord Lieutenant of Powys and Mrs Corbett-Winder attended. Others present included: Lady Peel Yates (widow), Mr and Mrs Lin Patterson (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Hopcraft, Captain Charles Featherstone Dilke, RN, and Mrs Dilke, Major-General and Mrs Ernle Lion, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Malcolm Knapp, Mr and Mrs Larry Peel Yates, Mr Jeremy Peel Yates, Colonel and Mrs Patterson, The Mayor of Brecon, Viscount de L'Isle, VC, and Viscountess de L'Isle, Lady Chalfont, Lady Brecon, Lord Swansea, Colonel Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, General Sir Thomas and Lady Pearson, Lady Trehane, Vice-Admiral Sir Dymock and Lady Watson, Vice-Admiral Sir Iwan and Lady Raikes, Captain and the Hon Mrs W. Legge-Bourke, Major-General A. G. E. Stewart-Cox (General Officer Commanding Wales) and Mrs Stewart-Cox, Major-General L. A. D. Harrod (Colonel, Royal Regiment of Wales) and Mrs Harrod, Major-General P. R. Leuchars (Royal Welch Fusiliers), Major-General R. G. F. Frisby, Major-General G. W. M. Martin and the Mayor and Mayoress of Brecknock.

Mr W. G. Weston
A memorial service for Mr Garfield Weston was held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral. The Rev Sam Cutt officiated, Canon L. Collins read the lesson and the Rev Charles Cowley gave an address. Among those present were: Mrs Weston (widow), Mr and Mrs Garry Weston and Mr and Mrs Galen Weston (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr G. Grainger Weston (son), Mrs M. Burnett, Mrs B. Mitchell, Mrs W. Rebanks and Mrs C. Dalgliesh (daughters), Mr and Mrs S. Baron and Dr and Mrs U. Bauta (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Guy Weston, Miss Jana Weston and Miss Kate Weston (grandchildren), Senora A. Montoya, Senor and Senora Angel Adan, Arancha Adan.
The High Commissioner for Canada, Viscountess Garnock, Lord Allan of Kilmahew (representing the governor, deputy governors and directors of the Bank of Scotland), Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lady Mountevans, Mr Aubrey Jones, the Hon Mrs Edward Pleydell-Bouverie, Sir Archibald Forbes, Professor Sir William Hawthorne (Churchill College, Cambridge), Sir David Floyd Ewin, Lady (George) Burton, the Agent General for Ontario, the Dean of St Paul's, Mr N. V. Denwood (director, Weston Foods), Mr S. Wood (Weston Research Laboratory), Mr Fred Simpson (Burton Biscuits), Mr P. N. Davies, Mr G. Springall, Mr R. Smith and Mr David B. Smith (Allied Bakeries), Mr P. L. Donovan and Mr Richard Sugden (Allied Mills), Mr Michael Vernon (Spillers), Mr P. J. Appleton-Shalley (Appleton, Machin and Smiles), Mr and Mrs Michael Sacher, Mr John Clement (chairman, Unigate), Mr C. H. Nicholson and Mr W. Clark (Price Waterhouse).
Major N. Chamberlayne-Macdonald (representing the Chairman of the National Association of Boys' Clubs) with Brigadier E. G. B. Davies-Scourfield; Mr Martin C. Scheul (British Flour Exports), Mr M. J. Hamilton (Blyth Eastman Dillon International) and Mrs Hamilton, Mr Stanley G. Metcalfe (Incorporated National Association of British and Irish Millers), Mr H. Weniger (Buhler Brothers, Switzerland), Mr D. J. Griffiths and Mr O. W. Lacey (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce), Mr Denys W. Povey (Thomas Robinson and Son), Mr Joseph Rank, Mr M. A. Jackson-Stops (Jackson-Stops and Staff), Mr Robin Pleydell-Bouverie, Mr Bryan Vaughan, Mr and Mrs H. Bauta, Mr Andrew Barrowman, Mr J. Thomson, Mr John McCartney (Distillers Company), Mr Geoffrey C. Dean, Dr and Mrs T. B. Williams, Commissioner and Mrs Harold Orton (Salvation Army).

Science report

Electricity: Advanced batteries

By the Staff of *Nature*

The familiar lead-acid battery may be replaced within the next decade by new types of batteries containing sodium and sulphur. On a longer time-scale, scientists believe that efficient batteries manufactured entirely from solid materials can be developed. Investigations into such advanced batteries has given birth to a new field of materials research.

The crucial discovery that has led to advanced types of batteries was made by scientists at the Ford Motor Company in 1967. They found that a solid substance called sodium beta alumina was able to conduct electricity at high temperatures but, unlike normal materials, where the electric current is carried by electrons, the carriers of the electric current were sodium ions. It was soon realized that exploitation of that discovery could produce a new generation of batteries.

The conventional lead-acid car battery contains solid electrodes separated by a liquid electrolyte. But the new material allows a battery to be made with a solid beta alumina electrolyte separating liquid electrodes of sodium metal and sulphur. That design uses materials that are cheaper and more abundant than any others that can be used in battery construction.

But the most important feature of the sodium-sulphur battery is that the theoretical energy output for a given weight of battery is more than four times greater than the conventional lead-acid design. Such high energy densities make the sodium-sulphur battery a very attractive design for electric vehicle propulsion.

There have been many difficulties in developing sodium-sulphur batteries and they are not expected to be commercially available until five years from now. One big disadvantage is that the battery must be operated at 300°C, and many research groups are trying to produce solids that will allow advanced battery systems to operate at room temperature.

That research is part of a new field, often called "solid state ionics", concerned with the preparation of ions in solids, in contrast to the more conventional research area of solid state electronics, in which the behaviour of electrons in solids is investigated.

An important concept has arisen from the new field of research, and as a result it is possible to envisage batteries made entirely from solid materials. Existing battery systems generate energy from the chemical reactions that occur between the electrodes and the electrolyte. Those reactions change the materials of the electrodes and that limits the performance of the battery.

But research into ionics has produced the idea of a "solid solution electrode", in which energy is produced at the boundary between the electrodes and the electrolyte without any change in the form of the electrode material.

Materials that act as solid solution electrodes have been found. One of the most promising is titanium disulphide. Their discovery promises a future generation of batteries with a much higher power-to-weight ratio than was previously thought possible.

Advanced battery development requires an interdisciplinary collaboration for the basic research, followed by industrial involvement. That has so far not happened in Europe to any significant extent, but the organization of industrial cooperation is one of the future tasks of an Anglo-Danish project that is investigating advanced battery systems.

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School's appeal to set up music academy

King's College School, Cambridge, is launching an appeal for £150,000. Some of the money will be used to set up a music academy for children from other schools in the area.

About 40 children aged from nine to 16 will be selected from lists drawn up by the county music adviser's staff of musically talented children at local education authority schools.

The money will also be used to provide a bursary fund to help children from poorer families, new buildings and a dyslexic unit. King's College has given £20,000 to the the appeal, of which Lord Ramsey of Canterbury is president.

Inner Temple

Mr Justice Thesiger has been elected treasurer of the Inner Temple for 1979 and Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, has been elected reader.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, November 25, 1953.

Though the Russians cannot be taken quite seriously when they imply that east Germany has no military force, it may nevertheless be true that they have yet to take the final decision to turn this force into a national army in the full sense. There are some obvious reasons for delay. The Russians may wish to take no overt action until they are sure that they cannot prevent the ratification of EDC. Apart from that, the government of east Germany presents them with great difficulties. They dare not trust the east German population which showed clearly enough in June where its sympathies lay. They have ample reason to suppose that a numerous armed force is needed for security against the population, but it is difficult to be sure that it can be trusted with arms in a crisis. When the riots broke out last June the Red Army took charge itself... The Soviet Army has still to bear the main weight of arms in eastern Germany.

Glaxo fellowships

The Association of British Science Writers yesterday announced the 1978 Glaxo fellowships for EEC science writers. The United Kingdom winners of the £1,000 awards are:
Mr David Fishlock, science editor, "Financial Times"; Mr Barry Paine, television producer, natural history unit, BBC Bristol; and Dr Michael O'Donnell, editor, "World Medicine".

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr G. E. Gammie, aged 56, a deputy secretary in the Treasury Solicitor's Department, to be legal adviser and solicitor to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in succession to Mr G. F. Aronson. Mr J. B. Bailey, aged 50, legal director of the Office of Fair Trading, to fill Mr Gammie's present post.

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon L. John Collins, TD, Tallis (for five voices); HC, 11.30 (Schubert in G), Int, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); E, 3.15, Deaconess L. M. Evans, Mag and ND (Watson in E), A, Worthy is the Lamb (Handel).
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Stanford in C), God is our hope (Blow), Canon E. G. Knapp-Fisher; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O Lord, give us thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Short Service (Tallis); E, 3 (Stanford in G), Remember now thy Creator (Steggall), Rev N. Collings. Organ recital, 6.05; E, 6.30, Canon S. Charles.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist, 11, Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), A, If ye love me (Tallis), Rev G. Mayo; E, 3.30 (Stanford in C), A, Remember now thy Creator (Steggall), Canon P. Penwarden.
CHAPEL ROYAL AT ST JAMES'S: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), Prebendary S. Auston Williams.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): M, 11.15, TD (Cole in E minor), A, O sing unto the Lord (Purcell), Canon Edwyn Young; HC, 12.30.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, the Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC, 8; M, 11, Rev T. I. Wilson; HC, noon; HC, 6.30.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields Gateway): M, 10.30, A, Why art thou so vexed, O my soul (Trevor), Rev B. A. Watson.
HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Jub. (Purcell in B flat), A, Cantantibus organis (Philips), the Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Alan Gray in G), A, King of glory, King of peace (Walford Davies), the Master.
ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, The Lord hath been mindful (S. S. Wesley), Rev E. W. Evans.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15; M, 11, Resident Chaplain (Boyce in C), Emendemus in melium (Byrd).
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11 (Smart in F), A, Awake us, Lord and hasten (J. S. Bach); E, 3.30 (Morley Fauxbourdons), A, Lord thou haste been our refuge (Vaughan Williams).
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. Perkins.
ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; HM, 11, Ven D. R. Hayward, Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn); E and B, 6 (Healey Willan in B flat).
CHRIST CHURCH, Chelsea: HC, 8; M and HC, 11; E, 6, Prebendary F. A. Piachaud.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; HM, 11, Dean of St Paul's, Pope Marcellus Mass (Palestrina), Dum complerentur (Victoria).
HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.10 (Old Service), Canon R. Tydeman.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; Sun HC, 9; M, 11, Rev S. Miller; E, 6.30, Rev C. Marnham.
ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 6.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Dvorak in D), Alleluiah, sing praise (Vecchi), Rev J. Sealey; E and B, 3.30 (Smart in B flat), Hallelujah (Beethoven), Rev J. Slater.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11 (Vaughan Williams in G), A, Hear my prayer (Purcell), the Rector; E, 6.30 (Blow in G), A, Beati quorum (Stanford), the Rector.
ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M and Eucharist, 11 (Noble in B minor), Prebendary Dewi Morgan; E, 6.30 (sermon in music).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Stanford in D), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, Ave verum corpus (Byrd).
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8 and noon; MP, 11, Rev Dr P. Toon; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.
ST JAMES, Garlickhill (City): MP, 11.15, Rev K. Woolcombe.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd, Mass in 4 parts), Rev J. Arrowsmith; E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: M, 11, TD (Moeran in E flat), A, See now he sleepeth (Mendelssohn); HC, 12.15, Canon J. A. Baker.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, Rev C. Walker; M, 11.15, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; E, 6.30, the Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev I. L. Robson; M, 11.15, Rev J. Wilkinson, Remember now thy Creator (Steggall); E, 6.30, Rev A. F. Davis, 150th psalm (Franck).
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45, 7; HM, 11, Bishop of Willesden, Mass 3 (Monteverdi), see, see the word is incarnate (Gibbons); E, 6, Solemn Benediction, Father D. Skeoch.
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Ven G. B. Timms, Munich Kyrie (Mozart), Agnus Dei (Mozart), De profundis clamavi (Josquin des Près), E, 6.30.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15 and 12.15; M, 11, Bishop L. Stradling; E, 6, Rev A. G. C. Pearson.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11 (Vaughan Williams in D minor), Rev R. G. Russell.
ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11.15, Rev J. Arrowsmith.
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Canon H. Sutton; 6.30, Rev R. K. Townley.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: LM, 8.30 and 10; SM, 11, Missa 4 (Monteverdi), Cantate tuba (Guerrero), Father Melrose.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP 6.30 Rev O. R. Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8, 9; HM, 11 (Darke in A minor), Rev D. Priest; E and B 6, Rev M. Moore.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, missa brevis (Walker), The Lord is my Shepherd (Greene), Mr G. Reddington.
ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Principal Santram, Church of North India; 6.30 Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev J. Miller Scott; 6.30, Rev Pritam B. Santram.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, noon, 5.30 and 7 pm; SM, 10.30, Mass for 5 voices (Byrd), Lauda Sion (Victoria); V and B, 3.30.
THE ORATORY, SW3: SM, 11, Messe du Sacre Coeur (Gounod); V and B, 3.30 Mot, O sacrum convivium (Perosi).
ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: SM, 11 (Latin), Schubert in G.
SS ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place, Holborn Circus: SM, 11 (Latin), Coronation Mass (Mozart), Mot, Ecce sacerdos magnus (Elgar), Laudamus te (Vivaldi).
ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm Missa Christus vincit (Picchi), Ave Jesu Christe (Philips).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin): 10.45, Missa pro victoria (Victoria), Virtus honor et potestas (Tallis).
ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: Masses, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11, Sung Latin (De Rahse, Mass of St Gregory), noon 4.15 and 6.15.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Daniel Jenkins.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr M. Barnett.
KINGSWAY HALL, WC (West London Mission): 11, Rev J. Richardson; 6.30, Rev Dr J. Newton.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr E. Johnson.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev R. Gibbins.

OBITUARY

PROF TERENCE MITFORD

Classical archaeologist and explorer

Professor Terence Bruce Mitford, DLitt, FBA, FSA, the archaeological explorer, died on November 8 at the age of 73.

He was born in Japan, the eldest son of C. E. Bruce Mitford, journalist and writer, and Beatrice Jean, daughter of John Fall Allison. He was educated at Dulwich College, won an open scholarship in classics to Jesus College, Oxford, and took a first in Mods, but sacrificed his chance of a good class in Greats to his passion for rugby (he was a Greyhound, and just missed a blue in a "vintage year").

His whole academic career was spent in the Department of Humanity at St Andrew's, where, in 1936, he married Margaret, daughter of Professor P. T. Herring. A shrewd judge of any student's potentiality, whether as scholar or as human being, he was a helpful and compassionate mentor; few Oxford or Cambridge tutors can have enjoyed the lifelong friendship of so many of their pupils.

His teaching duties were confined to lecturing on Latin texts and inculcating the principles of Latin prose composition, but over three decades he built up and sustained in St Andrews an enthusiasm for archaeology which was a major bond between town and gown and attracted many of the leading archaeologists of all countries as visiting lecturers. He was eventually appointed Reader in Classical Archaeology, and retired in 1973 with the title of Honorary Emeritus Professor. He was elected to the British Academy in 1974; he was also a corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute, and in May this year became a Fellow of the Austrian Academy.

During the war he was in the Special Air Services in the Aegean. Parachuted into Crete, he led guerrillas against the occupying German forces, and is well remembered in the White Mountains. Later he served with distinction in the Special Boat Service, captured Patmos audaciously, and took part in the Sicily landings.

In the late nineteen-thirties he gained his first experience of excavation and epigraphy in Cyprus, returning after the war to excavation at Kafizin (with the late Dr Dikaios) and, for six years in succession, to Old Paphos, as a member of the joint expedition of the Un sities of Liverpool and Andrews. The location, p cation and exegesis of the scriptions of Cyprus was central interest throughout working life. In a long s of articles and monogra characterized by meticulous conscientious attention to nical detail, he contrib more than anyone has done to our knowledge of mass of documentation w exists in the Cypriot dialect the Cypriot syllabic sc while his work, conducte parallel, on the inscription Ptolemaic and early Ro Cyprus has helped to esta a coherent framework for history of the island at time.

Latterly he turned his a tion to the archaeology and graphy of southern Tu where he made many jou of exploration, alone, with family, or with the late Pr sor G. E. Bean. He iden many sites in Pamphylia western Cilicia, and publish great number of hitherto known inscriptions on beha the Austrian Academy's mittee for the Archaeolo Exploration of Asia M which has long planned a co of the inscriptions of the re

Mitford's great phy stamina, his resilience in a ing himself to hostile cli and rough conditions, his a to establish friendly rela with people of all kinds, his fluency in Greek Turkish made him the archaeological explorer; are capacities not comm combined, as they were bined in him, with a prof knowledge of the bibliogr cal intricacies involved in subjects as Cypriot epigr For Mitford, confrontation beautifully wild and 1 country, whether in Asia c Grampians, was one of the things in life.

He was never wholly at with mechanical or elec contrivances, and regrette turn in human history has made us so dependent them.

He made himself expert i study of birds, at home abroad; after retiremen observed and compiled da migratory movements in Sc navia, and in 1975 he adviser to the Jordanian g ment on bird conservation

He is survived by his w four sons and a daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL E. J. S. BURNETT

General Sir Edwin Bramall, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, writes:

Major General Edward John Sidney Burnett, CB, DSO, OBE, MC (Bunny to all his friends), who died on Sunday, after a short but painful illness, was a fighting soldier of great distinction, as well as being a most lovable and generous-hearted character.

He had a distinguished career in the Gurkhas winning an MC with the 4th Gurkha Rifles in Burma in 1945 and serving with the 10th Gurkha Rifles throughout the 12 years of the Malayan Emergency and later during the confrontation campaign against Indonesia. During the latter he commanded his battalion brilliantly both in Sabah and in Malaya, where it was largely responsible for cleaning up the Indonesian parachute landings. He won the DSO, was appointed OBE and gained another mention in dispatches during his tour in command. He had the distinction of holding virtually every post in the Brigade of Gurkhas, having been at various times Brigade Major, Defence Attache in Katmandu, Commander of 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, Commander British Gurkhas in Nepal and f Major General of Gu where he was made a C

Everything he did he di zest, optimism and humour which was infe and attracted to him greatest devotion and lo As a fighting soldier and mander at company, bat and brigade level he was out peer. With his mind u tered by the doubts which subtler men, he saw m problems in the simples sible terms. Where wer Queen's enemies and how he deploy his beloved Gu with himself at their he close with them and d them as soon as possible in Malaya and in Borne leadership was legendar the successes of his ba quite outstanding. It is cult to tell whether h ever afraid, he certainl no time for fear in the tion of his duty and he municated his confidence courage to all his Gurkha was indeed a happy warri whom any of his men have laid down their lives he met his last illness wi same optimism and for that he always displayed danger was around him.

MR KEITH REYNOLDS

Mr Keith Reynolds, managing director of Britain's biggest liner shipping operation, Overseas Containers Limited, died on Thursday at the age of 53. He had an accident while scuba-diving off Honolulu, where he had broken his homeward journey after a business tour of the Far East and Australasia.

Joining P and O as a management trainee in 1950, Keith Reynolds rose to become one of the leaders of the postwar generation of British shipowners by a combinati hard work and dedicatio was shrewd tough, and f

After schooling at Clift lege, Bristol, he took a history and law, and ser the army from 1943-47, ing a captain in the Roy nals. He served P and O Far East and London joining OCL as Far East Director in 1969. He b managing director last y

He leaves a widow a children.

LADY BUCHER

Lady Bucher, OBE, wife of General Sir Roy Bucher, KBE, CB, MC, the last British Officer to be Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, died on November 23, at her home, Normanby House, Sinnington, North Yorkshire.

Throughout her active life she had been closely associated with the British Red Cross Society in her native Yorkshire, having been president of the East Riding Branch, and in the Middle East, South East Asia and India during the Second World War, Lady Bucher was made MBE for her services in the Middle East and advanced to OBE for her services in India. She was also mentioned in despatches and on return was awarded the Certificate of Honour of the British Red Cross Society.

She was Maureen, daughter of Captain T. G. Gibson, of Welham Hall, Malton, and she married Sir Roy Bucher as his second wife in 1946.

Lady Addison, widow of Admiral Sir Percy Addison, KBE, CB, CMG, died on October 27. She was Vera Louise, daughter of A. Wilson-Hughes, and she married Admiral Addison as his second wife in 1948. He died in 1952.

The Ven George Fox MC, Vicar of Haddenham, Ely, from 1965 and Archdeacon of Wisbech, died on November 6. He was 65.

M Henri Bonnet who was French ambassador in Washington from 1944 to 1955, has died at the age of 90.

MR ADOLPH A. KROCH

Mr Adolph A. Kroch, f of Brentano's, the cele New York bookstore, h at the age of 96. Kroc emigrated from Austr 1902, was the principal in the 1930s reorganiza the New York-based Br book store chain into and Brentano's bookstor founded the world-famou store on South Wabash in 1955.

MR STEPHEN GARDNER

Mr Stephen S. Gardne chairman of the boa governors of the US Reserve Board, died on ber 19. He was 56.

Gardner was a Treasury secretary befor appointed to a 14-year t the board in 1976. Befor to Washington, he work the Girard Bank in Phila from 1949 to 1974, serv last three years as chair the board.

Lord Ritchie of Dund fourth Baron, died on ber 16 at the age of succeeded his brother, th Baron, who was a formo man of the Stock Excha 1975. Colin Neville Ow chie was educated at House, Rottingdean, and College, Oxford, and w merly headmaster of Br School, Northam. He r in 1948 Anne, daughter late Colonel Charles Johnstone, MC, of Durba had a son and a daughte

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Back in the thick of things: Uttley (facing camera) training with the England pack at Bisham Abbey yesterday in preparation for the All Blacks

but some do it better than others.

England will need to come with a roar off the starting block and put the ball behind the opposition until they get within striking distance of the opposing line. As the captain, Bill Beaumont, has observed, it will then be up to his men to keep the momentum going and not to weaken in the face of that relentless and implacable black tide.

I have not joined the chorus of abuse about the England selections at forward—those of Barry Nelmes at tight head prop and of *John Scott at lock—because it has* seeme more prudent to wait and see how they work out. With Robin Cowling at loose head, Peter Wheeler should feel confident on the England put-in, and I see no reason why England should not scrummage effectively.

If they can wheel the opposition and disrupt the New Zealand heel on their own ball, even that sharp performer, Mark Donaldson, can be made to look a bit vulnerable and edgy. As to the lineout, a lot may depend on how Scott fares against Andy Haden. England will vary their throws and, with Roger Uttley back again to supply a comforting poise and know-how at the tail (and with Peter Dixon's shrewd support in that area) there ought to be ball enough. Whether England have the overall pace at loose forward *to match the opposition is more* doubtful.

If I have dwelt over-much on the likely fortunes up front it is because that is where it all begins. There is no gainsaying that New Zealand's backs, with a probable edge in pace overall, may be be dangerous indeed if they *receive good loose ball, and Brian* McKechnie poses an obvious threat as a kicker of goals in the old-fashioned, classical style.

In that last area, England must pray that Dusty Hare, who has notched 188 points this season, has one of his finest days. Just as importantly, they will demand utter security from him in every other phase. I believe that John Horton, if he can avoid the attentions of the swift New Zealand flankers, may fancy a tilt or two *against his opposite number and* I hope, when he makes his breaks, that he does not too often veer back inside.

England may need two early scores to give themselves sufficient leeway and, if they should get them, may have the courage and the faith in themselves to run at *New Zealand just as New Zealand* surely will want to run against them. Some rain is forecast, and England should not mind that. The match is being refereed by the Scot, Norman Sanson. It will be his eleventh international.

Today's teams at Twickenham

England		Position	New Zealand	
W. H. Hare (Leicester)	15	Full back	B. J. McKechnie (Southland)	15
P. J. Squires (Harrogate)	14	Right wing	S. S. Wilson (Wellington)	14
A. M. Bond (Sale)	13	Right centre	B. J. Robertson (Counties)	13
P. W. Dodge (Leicester)	12	Left centre	W. M. Osborne (Wanganui)	12
M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool)	11	Left wing	B. G. Williams (Auckland)	11
J. P. Horton (Bath)	10	Stand-off	O. D. Bruce (Canterbury)	10
M. Young (Gosforth)	9	Scrum half	M. W. Donaldson (Manawatu)	9
R. J. Cowling (Leicester)	1	Prop	B. R. Johnstone (Auckland)	1
P. J. Wheeler (Leicester)	2	Hooker	A. G. Dalton (Counties)	2
B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff)	3	Prop	G. A. Knight (Manawatu)	3
W. B. Beaumont* (Fylde)	4	Lock	A. M. Haden (Auckland)	4
J. P. Scott (Cardiff)	5	Lock	F. J. Oliver (Otago)	5
P. J. Dixon (Gosforth)	6	Flanker	L. M. Rutledge (Southland)	6
R. M. Uttley (Gosforth)	8	No 8	G. A. Seear (Otago)	8
M. Rafter (Bristol)	7	Flanker	G. N. K. Mourie* (Taranaki)	7

*Captain

Referee: N. R. Sanson (Scotland)

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Mr Couchman added: "I hope the England team will get a tremendous reception but not before the warmest and most generous reception has been given to our visitors. I hope that supporters will show their appreciation not only to their own team but also to the successors of the opposition. While I'm sure this will be one of the great games, most of all let everyone ensure that it is a good day for Rugby Union".

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The committee's decision represents a toughening of policy, for in the past a player who has been sent off has been able to appear for his side until his case came before the county committee. The delay could have been as long as six weeks. The decision also brings the RFU into line with Wales, who impose automatic suspensions on banished players, pending a hearing. The 30-day ban will not necessarily be the sole punishment, as a players' disciplinary committee will still be able to impose a further suspension if they see fit.

Mr Couchman reported that Wigan had been called to answer for their disciplinary record after having 23 players sent off in the past three seasons, but no further action would be taken against them.

The RFU do not intend to become involved in the row between Richmond and Llanelli, over the Christopher Ralston affair. Mr Couchman said: "The whole matter is a great shame, but we think the issue should be left to the clubs, although we are available to assist Richmond should they require our guidance. The law sub-committee intends to look into the question of players' footwear."

Oxford University make two changes from the side beaten by the Harlequins last week for their away match against London Scottish today (11.30).

Timothy Davies, who played for Western Australia against Wales in May, replaces Andrew Thomas at full back and Jerry Edmonds comes in at number eight in a rearranged back row.

New Hunslet record

New Hunslet, the second division Rugby League club, have paid their record fee of £7,000 to sign Michael Parrish, a 20-year-old Morley and Yorkshire Rugby Union centre threequarter.

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...., Nov 24.—Australia ...urites to beat France international of the ... tomorrow. The ...and talented touring ...taking on a young, ...h combination.

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...ustralians, who com... ...l win in the interna... against Britain last ...em fitter, better dis... ...l physically stronger and should have little difficulty in crushing French resistance.

"We realize how difficult it will be but we have no option but to attack. That's the only way we can progress", Bonnery said. Australia beat a regional Catalan side 26—15 at Perpignan on Wednesday, with a below-strength team and Bonnery added: "I know the Australians *did* not have their test team out *but the Catalans showed us the* way by scoring three tries."

FRANCE: F. Tranier; J. Moya, C. Laumont, M. Naudo, G. Barrell, E. Waligunda, I. Greseque; H. Daniel, A. Malacamp, D. Castanon, C. Zalduendo; D. Hermet, M. Mairua (captain).

AUSTRALIA: G. Eadie; S. Rogers, M. Cronin, K. Boustead, C. Anderson; R. Fulton (captain), T. Raudonikis; C. Young, G. Popomis, R. Morris, G. Gerrard, L. Boyd, R. Price.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

Unbeaten records may fall to Wigan and Keighley

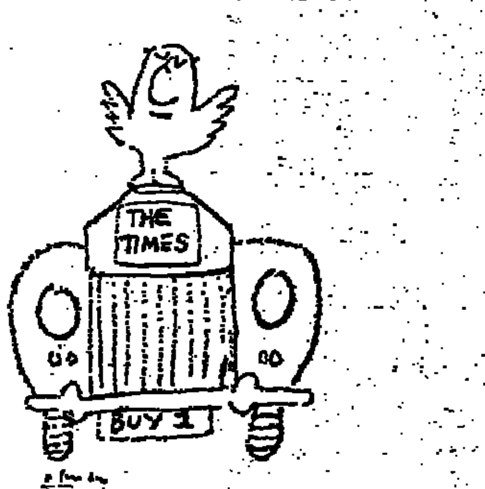
It has been a black week for Roger Millward, Britain's captain and Hull Kingston Rover's player-coach. At international level, he led his country in a humiliating thrashing by Australia and in mid-week his club suffered a surprise home defeat by Widnes in the BBC Floodlit trophy.

Now the pressure is on Hull Kingston Rovers in their attempt to win the Rugby League championship. They travel to Wigan tomorrow and hope to maintain their record as the only unbeaten side in the first division.

A repeat of their uncertain form against Widnes could give the improving Wigan the chance to break the run. If so, the new *title favourites would be Widnes* or Warrington and Widnes look to have the better chance of success this weekend.

They travel to Craven Park to meet a Barrow side that has registered only one victory this season. In spite of the presence of Ken Gill, Barrow's new signing, Widnes seem to have too many aces for their winning run to be interrupted. Warrington face a harder task at Wakefield, who are a *difficult* proposition on their own ground.

Hull, the second division leaders, who are also unbeaten, travel to play Keighley, who are second. The quality of Keighley's rugby this season has been a pleasant surprise and Hull will have to be on top form if they are to remain unbeaten.



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Snooker

Davis in control after losing the first frame

Fred Davis, snooker's senior professional of Stourport, took a 7—1 lead over John Dunning, of Leeds, in their first round match *in the professional championships,* sponsored by Coral, at Preston yesterday. After losing the first frame to Dunning, who made a break of 64, Davis then had breaks of 78 and 67 to take a commanding lead.

John Virgo was out of touch in the first two frames of his match with John Pulman. But he recovered to lead 5—3 at the interval.

RESULTS: F. Davis leads J. Dunning 7—1. Frames (Davis first): 31—77, 87—0, 110—1, 70—33, 58—15, 78—55, 70—21, 63—48. J. Virgo leads J. Pulman 5—3. Frames (Virgo first): 37—59, 43—73, 68—57, 34—24, 69—48, 40—50, 90—28, 65—38.

Ice hockey

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Winnipeg Jets 5, Indianapolis Racers 1, Cincinnati Stingers 4, Birmingham Bulls 3. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins 6, Buffalo Sabres 2; Montreal Canadiens 8, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Vancouver Canucks 7, Colorado Rockies 2.

Cycling

Sports bodies urged to fight doping

Geneva, Nov 24.—The International Cycling Union (UCI) secretary-general, Michael Jekiel, called today for a round-table of *sport* authorities to combat doping and the use of drugs by riders.

In his report on the UCI's activities, Mr Jekiel described doping as "a scourge which all those who work for cycling must struggle against with all their energy".

The report was made public after the UCI executive meeting in Geneva, last night found the world amateur road racer champion, Gilbert Glaus, of Switzerland, and two professional riders guilty of taking anabolic steroids at the Nürburgring title contest last August but decided to take no further action because of "errors of procedure" in the medical tests.

The committee also took the same decision on complaints against the professional bronze medal winner, Jean-Luc Vandenbrouske, of Belgium, and the French professional, Jacques Escalssan.

Football

Greaves on another path towards Wembley

The first round of the FA Cup may be a long way from the steps of Wembley itself, but three players walk out today knowing what it is like to appear before 100,000 *spectators on Final day*.

Greaves, formerly of Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United, is now playing in a midfield role for Barnet in the Southern League. He won two FA Cup final medals with Spurs in the sixties and today will face Barrett, a member of the Fulham team beaten by West Ham three years ago at Wembley, who now plays for Woking.

Barrett, usually also a midfield player these days, may switch to left back because Martin is serving an FA suspension. Woking also have a slight doubt about Preston, their centre half, and Black, aged 17, may be called in for his first FA Cup appearance.

The teams last met 20 years ago in the semi-final round of the Amateur Cup when Woking went on to win at Wembley. Barnet must be apprehensive for Woking defeated Margate 7—1 in the previous round.

Dagenham go to Watford and both their manager, Edward Presland, and their coach, Dyson, have had experience at Wembley. Dyson was in the Spurs double team of 1961 and Mr Presland was in the West Ham party that beat Preston North End in 1964 and won the European Cup Winners' Cup the following year.

Mr Presland, who took over Dagenham officially only a fortnight ago, waits to see if Dunwell, a midfield player, has recovered from influenza before he announces his side. If Dunwell is fit, Bond will find himself substitute against his former club, who are already in the last eight of the League Cup as well as the leaders of the third division.

It was seven years ago that MacDougall, a Scottish international, scored a record nine goals for Bournemouth against Margate. Now he is back at Dean Court after a journey that took him to Manchester United, West Ham, Norwich City and Southampton. He leads the attack against Hitchin, of the Isthmian League, whose caretaker-manager, Hills, played in the Margate team that gained revenge in the 1972-73 season.

Allen Batsford, the man who inspired Walton and Hersham and Wimbledon *to their FA Cup giant-killing* feats, takes Hillingdon Borough to Swansea City. The Welsh side have so many experienced players that they should be too strong for Hillingdon, of the Southern League, and could go a long way in the competition.

Barking have scored 76 goals in *24 games and travel to Yeovil,* another side with a famed Cup tradition. But with Burton, a schoolmaster, linking with Key, who has scored 21 goals, Barking may cause a surprise. Yeovil, of the Southern League, may be unbeaten at home but Barking have not lost away.

Wycombe Wanderers, struggling to find form, are in for a tough battle against Maidstone, also of the Southern League, and depleted Wimbledon could be on the wrong end of giant-killing a taste of their own act at Gravesend. Blyth Spartans, who reached the fifth round last season, could again cause an upset by beating York City, and Worcester City may also stretch Plymouth, now managed by Malcolm Allison.

Worcester have been beaten only once in 26 games this season

Deyna's presence should enable City to reach their full height

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Trevor Brooking, who has become an important member of the England team developed by his former West Ham United manager, Ron Greenwood, will miss today's club match against Leicester City at Filbert Street because of a persistent ankle injury and he says he is most unlikely to be available for next Wednesday's international game with Czechoslovakia at Wembley. This news, when added to the fact that Hughes is still unable to regain a first team place at Liverpool and Barnes, the Manchester City winger, has a leg injury that makes him doubtful, will almost certainly cause Mr Greenwood to make the changes he was reluctant to consider.

Brooking said yesterday: "Unless there is a terrific improvement you must count me out." Barnes is not completely ruled out of Manchester City's team to play Ipswich Town at Maine Road but to judge from his restricted movement, he has little chance. And as for Hughes, it would be a brave gamble to include him at international level now that he has been out of senior football for so long. Several players, notably Shilton, Anderson, Currie, and Woodcock, will come under final scrutiny this afternoon. All four of these leading contenders for places next week are expected to find favour with Mr Greenwood.

The week's sound performances by Football League clubs in the Uefa Cup should have a stimulating effect, especially at Maine Road. Manchester City's draw with AC Milan showed the better side of their character, placid and determined. Yet so often they fail to reach their full height despite their impressively strong staff of players that is now deepened by the arrival of Poland's international captain, Deyna, who makes his first appearance this afternoon. With Watson and Booth now dominating the defence, the inclusion of Deyna could add a touch more consistency. Ipswich themselves would like to achieve greater reliability and freedom from injuries. Today they have to *include their reserve goalkeeper*, Baker, in the party along with Whymark who has agreed to join a team in Vancouver.



Trevor Brooking, who is out of West Ham's match today and could miss England's game against Czechoslovakia

If Manchester City's draw in Italy was the most gritty performance in the Uefa Cup, West Bromwich Albion's display in a 1—1 draw with Valencia in Spain was the most attractive, thanks in large measure to the lithe skills of Cunningham. Albion now meet Aston Villa at the Hawthorns with the compliments still warm and Liverpool not beyond their reach in the championship.

Albion had expected to play today without Anthony Brown who missed the game in Spain because of a groin strain but he has recovered. So their run of eight unbeaten matches could be extended as Aston Villa are without *two regular forwards, Gray* and Little, and will send out a 17-year-old, Shaw, who has been scoring well for the reserve team. The best news for Villa this week was Gidman's decision not to pursue his transfer request.

Arsenal, after a solid performance in Belgrade against Red Star and an excellent one against Everton last Saturday, may find that Coventry City are in an *optimistic mood after beating* Derby County 4—2 in the week and having that rugged Welshman, Yorath, back in the side. Chelsea, on the other hand, face a Manchester United side concerned about a 3—0 defeat at Everton and hoping that Thomas, bought from Wrexham for £300,000, will give them a better balance. Two inexperienced goalkeepers, Chelsea's Iles and United's Bailey, will need to keep control of nerves and fingers.

Tommy Docherty, having survived a week of suspension and a boardroom discussion about his future, regains control of the Derby County team against Queen's Park Rangers at the Baseball Ground. So local supporters, who made it clear that they felt the affairs of the High Court were not relevant to their Saturday entertainment, won the day. Mr Docherty immediately plunged back into his favourite part of management, the transfer and *purchase of players. Last night he* was negotiating for the Leicester City central defender, Sims, who will probably cost about £250,000. Although Sims has played only nine senior games this season after a cartilage operation, he has appeared for the England under-21 team and should be a valuable *replacement for Todd in the Derby* defence.

First division table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	16	12	3	1	40	7	27
Everton	16	[illegible]	7	0	23	10	[illegible]
West Brom	15	[illegible]	4	2	30	17	[illegible]
Nottm Forest	15	6	9	0	18	9	21
Arsenal	15	7	5	3	26	16	19
Coventry	16	7	5	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	19
Manchester U	16	6	6	4	25	27	18
Tottenham	16	6	6	4	20	26	18
Aston Villa	16	6	5	5	21	15	17
Manchester C	15	[illegible]	6	4	[illegible]	18	16
Leeds United	16	5	5	6	26	[illegible]	15
Norwich City	15	4	7	4	28	27	15
Bristol City	16	6	3	7	19	20	15
Derby County	16	6	3	7	22	32	15
Middlesbrough	16	[illegible]	3	8	21	21	13
Southampton	15	[illegible]	7	5	18	23	13
Q P Rangers	15	[illegible]	6	6	11	17	12
Ipswich Town	17	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	19	25	12
Bolton Wdr	16	[illegible]	4	9	19	34	10
Wolves	15	[illegible]	1	11	15	31	[illegible]
Chelsea	16	2	4	10	19	34	8
Birmingham	16	2	3	11	16	28	7

Ward stays but Kitchen goes on transfer list

Peter Ward, Brighton's striker, is again likely to be the substitute for today's match with Notts County, but his manager, Alan Mullery, emphasizes that he is not *for transfer*.

Mullery said yesterday: "Ward lost his place in the side five matches ago because he was out of form and cannot get back at the moment because the team is playing so well.

"But Peter has played strongly in reserve matches, he's got his appetite for the game back again, and we are not parting with a player of his class." The midfield player, O'Sullivan, misses the match through suspension.

Orient have put their unsettled striker, Kitchen, on the transfer list at his own request and left him out of the side for the home match against Preston. The manager, Jimmy Bloomfield, received Kitchen's written transfer request yesterday.

He said: "We don't keep unhappy players here."

Premier division leaders face difficult games

Dundee United and Partick Thistle, sharing the leadership of the premier division in Scotland with 17 points, both face testing games today. United, who meet St Mirren at Tannadice Park add Frye and Milne, aged 17, to their playing party. St Mirren bring back Munro to their defence, but the striker, McGarvey, is suspended.

Thistle are involved in a Glasgow derby with Celtic at Parkhead and include Love in their party, while Celtic hope to have Filippi, their full back, available.

Aberdeen hope their strikers, Harper and Jarvie, find their form against Hibernian at Pittodrie Park. Hibernian have a party of 16, with Stewart and O'Brien *added to the 13 who drew with* Celtic at Easter Road.

Herts and Motherwell, the bottom two clubs in the premier division, are involved in an important clash at Tynecastle. Kidd is expected to continue at right back for Hearts. The inside forward, Busby, has a fitness test following a bout of influenza.

Motherwell drop Millar, Mc-*Laren, and Pettigrew and include* McLeod, Capaldi and Kennedy as replacements in a 14-strong party.

Rangers will be without the services of McDonald, their midfield player, against Morton at Ibrox because of suspension. The left back, Forsyth, who missed the game with Aberdeen at Pittodrie because of an injury, is back in a 14-strong party. Morton will give a late fitness test to their striker, Thomson, and have Tolmie and McLaren in their party.

Brentford's profit

Brentford report a record profit of £75,521 last season when they won promotion to the third division.

Weekend fixtures

FA Cup, first round

Aldershot v Weymouth
Altrincham v Southport
Barnet v Woking
Barnsley v Worksop
Blackpool v Lincoln
Bournemouth v Hitchin
Bradford C v Port Vale
Carlisle v Halifax
Chester v Runcorn
Chorley v Scarborough
Colchester v Oxford U
Darlington v Chesterfield (3.15)
Dartford v AP Leamington
Doncaster v Huddersfield
Exeter v Brentford
Gravesend v Wimbledon
Hartlepool v Grimsby
Hereford v Newport
Hull v Stafford Rangers
Leatherhead v Merthyr
Maidstone v Wycombe
Mansfield v Shrewsbury
Nuneaton v Crewe
Portsmouth v Northampton
Reading v Gillingham
Rochdale v Droylesden (3.15)
Rotherham v Workington
Scunthorpe v Sheffield W (3.15)
Southend v Peterborough
Stockport v Morecambe
Swansea v Hillingdon
Swindon v March
Tranmere v Boston U
Walsall v Torquay
Watford v Dagenham
Wealdstone v Enfield
Wigan v Bury
Worcester v Plymouth
Yeovil v Barking
York v Blyth Spartans

Rugby Union

International Match
England v New Zealand (at Twickenham) (2.30)

Club Matches
Abertavon v Pontypool.
Bath v US Portsmouth (6.30).
Birkenhead Park v Morley (2.30).
Blackheath v Neath (10.30).
Broughton Park v Nuneaton.
Cardiff v Llanelli.
Chester v Wilmslow (2.30).
Ebbw Vale v Northampton.
Exeter v Cheltenham (2.45).
Gosforth v Otley (2.30).
Harlequins v Cambridge University (11.15).
Headingley v Harrogate (2.30).
Huddersfield v St Helens (2.30).
Hull and ER v Hartlepool Rovers (2.30).
Leicester v Moseley.
London Irish v Gloucester (11.0).
London Scottish v Oxford University (11.0).
London Welsh v Newport (11.30).
Loughborough Colleges v Middlesbrough (2.30).
Newbridge v Bridgend.
Nottingham v Halifax.
Penarth v Maesteg (2.30).
Plymouth Albion v Barnstaple (2.45).
Pontypridd v Birmingham.
Roundhay v Northern (2.30).
Rugby v Liverpool (2.30).
Saracens v Aberttilery (2.30).
Sheffield v Orrell (2.30).
Swansea v Richmond.
Wakefield v Durham City.
Wasps v Metro Police (2.30).
Weston-super-Mare v Bristol (7.0).

Scottish first division

(all 2.30)
Boroughmuir v West of Scotland.
Gala v Kelso.
Heriot's v Stewarts/MEL FP.
Jordanhill v Langholm.
Kilmarnock v Heriot's FP.
Watsonians v Hawick.

First division

Birmingham v Bristol C
Bolton v Nottm F
Chelsea v Manchester U
Coventry v Arsenal
Derby v QP Rangers
Leeds v Southampton
Liverpool v Middlesbrough
Manchester C v Ipswich
Norwich v Everton
Tottenham v Wolverhampton
West Bromwich v Aston Villa

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Hibernian
Celtic v Partick
Dundee U v St Mirren
Hearts v Motherwell
Rangers v Morton

Scottish first division

Airdrie v St Johnstone
Arbroath v Stirling
Ayr v Clyde
Clydebank v Dundee
Hamilton v Dumbarton
Montrose v Kilmarnock
Queen of South v Raith

FA Vase: Second round: Buckingham Town v Bicester; Bourne Town v Stamford; Racing Club Warwick v Irthlingborough Diamonds; Rushden v Newfoundpool Working Mans Club; Barton Rovers v Woolton BC; Hoddesdon v *Royston; Felixstowe v Coggeshall; City* of Norwich Sobu v Soham Town Rangers; Arlesey v Kempston Rovers; Berkhamsted v Burnham; St Neots v Letchworth; Selby v Camberley; Tring v Ruislip Manor; Baldock v Cheshunt; Egham v Leyton-Wingate; Feltham v Epping Town; Windsor and Eton v Banstead; Abingdon Town v Newbury; Amersham v Farnborough; Billericay v Rainham; East Ham v Basildon United; Grays v Swanley Town; Horsham v Alma Swanley; Molesey v Maiden Vale; Eastbourne Town v Tunbridge Wells; Redhill v West Wickham; Hungerford v Alton Town; Newport (IOW) v Gosport Borough; Worthing v Ash United; St Martins v First Tower United; Almondsbury Greenway v Forest Green Rovers; Clanfield v Worrall Hill; Exmouth v Ilminster; Westbury United v Peasedown Athletic; Westland Yeovil v Keynsham.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Reading; Dulwich v Tulse Hill; Hounslow v Blackheath; London University v Hawks; Maidenhead v Old Kingstonians; Mid-Surrey v Wimbledon; Purley v Teddington; Slough v Bromley; Southgate v Cheam; Spencer v Hampstead; St Albans v Richmond; Surbiton v Oxford University.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfordshire Eagles v Ipswich; Brentwood v Bury St Edmunds; Broxbourne v *Blueharts; Chelmsford* v Colchester; Ilford v Norfolk Wanderers; Norwich Grasshoppers v Bishop's Stortford; Westcliff v Cambridge City.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: EAST: Essex v Huntingdonshire (at Peterborough); Lincolnshire v Suffolk (at Peterborough). SOUTH: Berkshire v Oxfordshire (at Bisham Abbey); Hampshire v Buckinghamshire (at Southampton). WEST: Devon v Cornwall (at Exmouth); Herefordshire v Gloucestershire (at Hereford); Wiltshire v Dorset (at Devizes).

Second division

Blackburn v Stoke
Bristol R v Sheffield U
Cambridge U v Burnley
Cardiff v Crystal Palace (3.15)
Charlton v Fulham
Leicester v West Ham
Luton v Sunderland
Newcastle v Oldham
Notts Co v Brighton
Orient v Preston
Wrexham v *Millwall*

Scottish second division

Alloa v Albion
Berwick v Brechin
Cowdenbeath v East Fife
E Stirling v Meadowbank
Falkirk v Dunfermline
Queen's Park v Stenhousemuir
Stranraer v Forfar

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Atherstone v Margate; Dorchester v Redditch; Hastings v Bridgend; Telford v Cheltenham; Witney Town v Kettering. First division—north: Alvechurch v Banbury; Burton v Wellingborough; Bromsgrove v Cambridge C; Corby v Enderby; Gloucester v Oswestry (2.30); Grantham v Bedworth; Kidderminster v Milton Keynes; Stourbridge v King's Lynn; Tamworth v Barry. First division—south: Andover v Dunstable; Basingstoke v Ashford; Bognor Regis v Dover; Crawley v Aylesbury; Folkestone Sheppey v Addlestone; Hounslow v Waterlooville; Minehead v Canterbury; Salisbury v Chelmsford; Taunton v Tonbridge; Trowbridge v Poole.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier *Division: Boreham Wood v Oxford City;* Carshalton v Croydon; Dulwich Hamlet v Tooting; Hayes v Sutton; Kingstonian v Hendon; Tilbury v Leytonstone; Walthamstow Avenue v Slough. First division: Bishop's Stortford v Bromley; Chesham v Walton and Hersham; Finchley v Horsham; Harrow Borough v Epsom; Harlow v Wembley; Harwich v Aveley; Hertford v Hampton; Ilford v Metropolitan Police; Maidenhead v St Albans; Southall v Clapton; Ware v Wokingham.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chertsey v Marlow; Dorking v Edgware; Fleet v Harefield; Welling v Chalfont St Peter.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: South Bank v North Shields; Whitby v Crook; Ferryhill v Billingham; Horden v Spennymoor; Penrith v Willington; Durham City v Whitley Bay; Consett v Evenwood; West Auckland v Ashington; Bishop Auckland v Tow Law.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Featherstone Rovers.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Matlock; Frickley v Mossley; Goole v Barrow; Lancaster v Macclesfield; Northwich Victoria v Gateshead; South Liverpool v Netherfield.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v South Manchester and Wythenshawe; Heaton Mersey v Boardman and Eccles; Sheffield University v Old Stopfordians; Timperley v Old Hulmeians.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Oxford University; Hampstead v London University; Hillcroft v Purley; Kenton v Lee.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TRIALS (11.00): East (at St Albans HS); Midlands (at Bedford CHE); North (at Aigburth); South (at Putney); West (at Salisbury); WIVAB (at Motspur Park, 10.30).

Tomorrow

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North division: Northumberland v Yorkshire (at St Georges).

COUNTY MATCHES: Hertfordshire v Sussex (at Welwyn GC); Warwickshire v Mercians (at Coventry & N Warwicks); *Buckinghamshire A v Berkshire A* (at Richings Park); Lincolnshire A v East Yorkshire (at Brigg); Surrey Wanderers v United Hospitals (at Purley); Sussex A v Satellites (at South Saxons HC, St Leonards).

COUNTY UNDER-21: Buckinghamshire v Berkshire (at Richings Park); Kent v Oxfordshire (at Blackheath); Somerset v Millfield School (at Millfield).

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: South Area: First round: Spencer v *Slough (at Wandsworth Common, 1.30).*

LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge Univ v Purley.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Hertfordshire v Norfolk (at Cambridge); Kent v Cambridgeshire (at Cambridge, 1.30). Midlands: Leicestershire v Derbyshire (at Loughborough); Northamptonshire v Staffordshire (at Northampton); Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire (at Nottingham); Shropshire v Worcestershire (at Bridgnorth).

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedford CHE v Bedfordshire (at Bedford); Middlesex Under-25 v Berkshire Under-25 (at Hayes); Wiltshire v Cornwall (at Devizes).

Rugby Union

COUNTY UNDER-23 MATCH: Norfolk v Lincolnshire (at West Norfolk RFC, North Wootton, 2.30).

Golf

North Hants GC v Oxford Univ (at Fleet).
Ashburnham GC v Oxford Univ Divots (at Ashburnham).
Royal St George's GC v Cambridge Univ Outlaws (at Sandwich).

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Barrow v Widnes (3.30); Bradford Northern v Rochdale Hornets (2.30); St Helens v Huddersfield; Wakefield Trinity v Warrington (3.30); Wigan v Hull Kingston Rovers (3.0); Workington Town v Leigh (2.30).

SECOND DIVISION: Batley v York (2.30); Halifax v *Dewsbury* (3.30); Huyton v Bramley (2.30); Keighley v Hull (3.15); New Hunslet v Whitehaven (3.30); Oldham v Blackpool Borough; Swinton v Doncaster.

Race walking

Havering Open Meeting (at Hornchurch Stadium).

Real tennis

Cutty Sark invitation singles tournament (at Queen's Club, West London).

Road running

Basingstoke "Round the Houses" 5 Miles.

Rugby fives

BUSF championships (at Manchester).

Squash rackets

Dunlop British Amateur Closed—qualifying rounds (at Gloucester and Trent Bridge).

Lacrosse

NATIONAL TROPHY: Cheshire v Yorkshire (at Cale Green, Stockport, 2.0).

CLUB MATCH: Buckhurst Hill v Mellor.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TRIALS (11.00): East (at St Albans HS); Midlands (at Bedford CHE); North (at Aigburth); West (at Salisbury); South (at Putney).

CLUB MATCHES: Barnet II v West London; Chelsea Pensionnaires v Guildford; Pendley v Beaconsfield; Reigate v St Mary's, Twickenham; Sheffield v Durham.

Athletics

Norfolk Olympiads Open meeting (at Norwich).

Cross Country

Schweppes international races (at Gateshead).
London championships (at Parliament Hill).
Open and Trophy meeting (at High Wycombe).

Golf

Royal Cinque Ports GC v Cambridge University (at Deal).
Denham GC v Oxford University (at Denham).
Pyle and Kenfig GC v Oxford University Divots (at Pyle and Kenfig).

Race walking

Belgrave Harriers Open 7 Miles (at Wimbledon).

Road running

Worcester.

Rugby Fives

BUSF championships (at Manchester).

Squash rackets

Dunlop British amateur closed—qualifying rounds (at Gloucester and Trent Bridge).

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.20); Match of the Day (10.5).
Motor sport: RAC rally (12.45, 1.10).
Racing: Newbury races at 1.0, 1.30 and 2.5.
Boxing: Flint v Planque (1.40).
Rugby Union: England v New Zealand (2.15).
Athletics: Gateshead cross-country (4.5).

BBC 2—tomorrow
Rugby Union: England v New Zealand (3.10).

IBA
Racing: Wetherby races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0; Wolverhampton races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45.
Motor sport: Macau meeting (3.10).
Wrestling: Catford promotion (4.0).

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.30).

SPORT

Cricket

Old catches Queensland in edgy mood after switch of pitch

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Brisbane, Nov 24

The English cricketers played on the first green pitch of their tour here today, on which they bowled Queensland out for 172 and made 89 for two in reply. Except for five overs by Edmonds and three by Gooch, all the bowling was done by Willis, Old and Botham.

The character of the play was ordained when, at the last moment, the groundsman decided to cut a new pitch. The switch was from something, as he thought, unpromisingly bare to a strip from off the main square. If the English catching had been as good as it normally is—four chances were put down—Queensland would have made fewer than they did. As they would, I think, had Willis bowled a fuller length, for the three main bowlers, only Old consistently pitched the ball up.

On so under-prepared a pitch, it is a mercy Thomson is not playing for Queensland, as he wanted to do. We might already be sending for replacements if he were. As it is, the only casualty was Ogilvie, who was hit on the back of the head as he turned away from a Willis bouncer and had to retire for stitching.

In spite of a tour to the West Indies with the Australian side earlier this year, and all the bumpers that means, this is the first time Ogilvie has been hit. For two hours he had looked a good player—the best, I thought, on the Queensland side.

The only other one to look the part was Cosier. The two new Australian caps, Carlson and MacLean, are hardly up to it on this evidence, at any rate as batsmen. Next Friday's Test match will though, all being well, be played on a pitch that gives them a better chance.

Today they were both caught inu the English ring of slips and gullies, as were Walters, Whyte and Dymock. With Broad, Cosier and Hohns being caught at the wicket, the only Queensland batsman not to fall to a catch off the edge of the bat was the last. That should be a clear indication of how much the ball was moving about.

Of the dropped catches two were also at slip and one, unusually, at the wicket, when Taylor went for something that was going straight for Brearley at first slip and dropped it. Old bowled beautifully, bringing the batsmen on to the front foot and beating them any number of times with his away swing. Though erratic, Botham, as is his way, stole off with three wickets.

Willis had a useful workout before next week; but seeing him bowl so many short ones (and being allowed to get away with them) I was reminded all too clearly of the tour here four years ago when, having done the same thing against Queensland, England were trumped in the Test match that followed by Thomson and Lillee.

Boycott's day has consisted of two statements concerning his dispute with Yorkshire, one strikingly more conciliatory than the other, a nice catch at slip and a failure with the bat. In the third over of the English innings he was caught at first slip, sparring at Brabon's medium pace. This was more than Brabon's maiden first-class wicket; it was worth £750 to the Queenslanders, the reward offered by a ceramics firm should Boycott be dismissed for fewer than 20.

Boycott's first class scores are now 62, six, 14, four not out and six. He must be "saving himself", as the Aussies say, for the Test matches. The Yorkshire affair is giving him plenty to think about. He could even be enjoying the fight, though how much it is affecting his form only he knows.

After Boycott was out, Randall and Gooch added 61 in fair time, hooking happily, if not always judiciously, away, until Gooch was brilliantly caught at long leg hooking. As always in Brisbane, it was nearly dark by the finish. Why they decline to start play here half an hour earlier in the day is one of the recurring mysteries of Australian tours.

QUEENSLAND: first innings:

M. J. Walters, c Gower, b Willis	0
W. R. Broad, c Taylor, b Old	41
A. D. Ogilvie, ret hurt	43
G. J. Cosier, c Taylor, b Botham	33
P. H. Carlson, c Miller, b Old	1
T. V. Hohns, c Taylor, b Willis	3
J. A. MacLean, c Boycott, b Botham	1
G. K. Whyte, c Brearley, b Old	10
G. Dymock, c Brearley, b Botham	13
L. F. Balcam, not out	10
G. W. Brabon, l-b-w, b Old	2
Extras (n-b 16)	16
Total	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—90, 3—97, 4—100, 5—132, 6—135, 7—158, 8—159, 9—172.
BOWLING: Willis, 11—1—40—2. Old, 14.7—1—33—4. Botham, 12—1—66—3. Gooch, 3—0—11—0. Edmonds, 5—2—6—0.

ENGLAND XI: first innings:

G. Boycott, c Cosier, b Brabon	6
G. A. Gooch, c Brabon, b Dymock	34
D. W. Randall, not out	39
R. W. Taylor, not out	2
Extras (b 1, n-b 7)	8
Total (for two wickets)	89

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—75.
BOWLING: Balcham, 5—1—23—0. Brabon, 4—0—22—1. Carlson, 5—1—17—0. Dymock, 5—0—17—1. Hohns, 1—0—2—0.

Committee accused of a smear campaign

Brisbane, Nov 24.—Geoffrey Boycott said today that statements suggesting that Yorkshire players did not want him as their captain were a smear campaign to keep the Yorkshire committee in power. Boycott said the Yorkshire committee must be worried about clinging to power by bringing the players into controversy.

Boycott, speaking two hours before taking the field for England in a four-day match against Queensland, which is the last game before the first Test starts on December 1, and he had fought hard against the present committee for the rights of players. "Since when did the Yorkshire committee take any notice of what players are supposed to feel? On the contrary, their record is one of total disregard for the feelings of players", Boycott said.

Boycott continued: "There have been any number of occasions when I have had to fight hard on the players' behalf because the committee didn't give a damn. I don't suppose the committee will name these players who are supposed to be against me as captain. I will just throw out suggestions that players are anti-Boycott."

Boycott said the players could not speak out in support of him without putting themselves in a hopeless position. "Once again the committee that always says it does things in the best interests of Yorkshire cricket is being seen in its true colours. I hope the Yorkshire public will not be fooled."

Boycott also said if a meeting on December 9 reinstated him as Yorkshire's captain, he would resign the leadership in two years' time if the county failed to win something important.

Money for tourists

New Delhi, Nov 24.—The Indian Cricket Control Board have agreed to give the touring West Indies team a guaranteed purse of £18,000 for each Test and £3,000 for every three-day match they play, the Board chairman announced at Bangalore today.—Agence France Presse.

Port of Spain, Nov 23.—The West Indies Cricket Board of Control has agreed to consider World Series Cricket players for the tour of Pakistan next year. But the board stressed that players who took part in domestic competitions would greatly increase their chances of selection.—Reuter.

Gomes punishes Indians' spin bowlers

Poona, India, Nov 24.—Larry Gomes hit an unbeaten 121 for the West Indian team as their match against the Indian colts side petered out into a draw here today. There was no chance of a positive result after the Indian under-22 players had saved the follow-on by scoring 257 for nine declared against the West Indians' first innings total of 388, and the West Indians used the rest of the day for batting practice against spin bowling. At the close they were 254 for two.

Gomes and Alvin Greenidge who made 25, put on 52 for the first wicket, and Gomes was then joined by Herbert Chang in a second wicket partnership of 175. Chang made 87. The West Indian batsmen were able to try their shots against a variety of attack, as the colts used nine bowlers.

At the start of play, with Ayub and Arun Sharma resuming at 189 for seven, the West Indians took the new ball which they deferred yesterday. But Malcolm Marshal, who took four wickets yesterday, and Sylvester Clarke, could not make any impression on the unhelpful pitch.

Ayub was dropped twice in the slips, by Greenidge and Gomes as he and Arun stayed at the wicket to avoid a follow-on.

Ayub scored five fours in his 58 but Arun managed only one four in making 25. Both batsmen fell soon after the follow-on was averted.—Reuter.

SCORES: West Indians 388 (V. A. Holder 89, A. B. Williams 87, C. Shafkh 6 for 130) and 254 for 2 (L. Gomes 131 not out, H. Chang 87); Indian under-22 XI 257 for 9 dec (S. B. Jung 38, A. Ayub 58, Marshall 4 for 50).—Reuter.

Worcestershire to charge entrance fee

New members of Worcestershire County Cricket Club will be required to pay an entrance fee of £5 next season and admission charges for John Player League and Benson and Hedges zonal games are to rise to £1.50. For championship matches the charge will be £1.

The secretary, Michael Vockins, said yesterday: "This is the first occasion we have used the entrance fee but of course it is widely used by other sports clubs, particularly in golf. Our membership total has increased steadily so that it now stands at 5,200. We hope the extra income from an entrance fee will help us continue to improve members' facilities."

Subscriptions for most types of membership are being increased. Full members will have to pay £13 instead of £10. Worcestershire say that a total subscription income of £40,000 for 1979 would cover only a fifth of their costs.

Lancashire have announced a loss of £33,816, only 12 months after recording a £32,000 surplus. A drop of £26,000 from the Test and County Cricket Board, plus lower fees from last season's Test matches and broadcasting, accounted for the loss.

Wages of staff and players also increased and expenditure was at a record level of £327,000—double that of five years ago. There was a decrease of nearly 10 per cent in the club's income. At the annual meeting at Old Trafford on December 12, members will be asked to approve an increase in their subscriptions. Full members subscription would go up from £12 to £15 and women would have to pay £9 instead of £7. Life membership would go up from £150 to £160.

Golf

SAO PAULO: Brazilian open, first round: 66, R. Floyd; 67, T. Simpson; 70, F. German, A. Lima; 71, R. Rossi, P. Peironcia, E. Darcy, R. de Vicenzo, E. Williams, P. Jacobson. DUNEDIN: Otago Charity classic, second round: 136, M. Krantz 68, 68; 137, R. Klatt 73, 66; 140, R. Davies 71, 69; 141, M. Ballesteros 70, 71; 142, S. Simpson 71, 71, B. Vivian 70, 72; 145, S. Ginn 70, 75, N. Ratcliffe 73, 71, A. Russell 73, 70, F. Conallin 72, 71; 144, M. Ellison 69, 75, R. Charles 72, 72. MIYAZAKI, Japan: Dunlop Phoenix classic, second round: 137, A. Bean 67, 70; 139, G. Marsh 69, 70, J. Aoki 69, 70; 142, B. Wadkins 73, 69, B. Byman 69, 73, S. Ballesteros 70, 72, Y. Yamamoto 71, 71.

Hockey

Pakistan settle old score to win new title

From Sydney Frinkin
Lahore, Nov 24

Pakistan 2 Australia 1

Pakistan defeated Australia in a superb game of hockey here today to win the inaugural Champions Trophy tournament before a crowd of about 15,000. By doing so they settled an old account, Australia having beaten Pakistan by the [illegible] score in the semi-final round of the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. All three goals today came in the second half.

Pakistan, who won the World Cup in Buenos Aires this year will soon be on their way to Bangkok to defend the Asian title. That some of their players will retire after this event is hard to believe because they seem, like Tennyson's brook, to be able to go on for ever and ever. If anyone represented prptual motion hre today it was their outside-left, Samiullah, who played a big part in both goals.

For Pakistan a draw would have sufficed, so the heavier burden of having to win was on Australia. Though not endowed with the same subtle refinements as Pakistan, Australia's forwards were equally effective with their own brand of stickwork, particularly Bell, Dick and Poole. They were well supported by Boyce who played a great game at right half. Cooke and Davies were sound at the back.

Unlike the Montreal match this game was played in a fine sporting spirit. Only one green card was handed out and that was to Davies for hitting the ball away after the whistle was blown. Of violent collisions there was but one. It happened in the second half when Samiullah crashed into Boyce who for some minutes was afflicted with cramp. Islahuddin was quick to rebuke one or two of his players for a slight show of temper.

Australia probably hoped that they might have the edge in the conversion of short corners but were restricted to only one compared to the seven gained by Pakistan. Australia's only short corner, in the seventh minute, came to nothing with Islahuddin rushing out like lightning from the line to smother Irvine's shot. Australia then had two long corners before they sailed into choppy seas. They survived a crisis in the last 10 minutes during which any one of Pakistan's forwards might have scored. Greene once rushed out to smother a shot by Hanif.

Before 10 minutes of the second half had passed Pakistan had earned their fifth short corner. Off the sixth one, Manzoor Hassan put a high shot into the net. The crowd went mad with joy but the shot was rightly disallowed as dangerous. From the 16-yard hit, Australia took play sharply into Pakistan's half where Stephen Smith's shot from a difficult angle was saved.

The deadlock was broken in the 20th minute. Pakistan earned a long corner after which Samiullah hit the ball hard into the circle. Shahnaz lunged at it and there was a goal for Pakistan, albeit a lucky one. Within a minute the crowd was brought to its feet again. Samiullah put another fine centre across from the left. It was picked up by Manzoor who controlled it beautifully and scored with a scoop from about 10 yards.

With all tension eased, Pakistan then began to show their true skill. Australia, though, still looked dangerous on the breaks and with a little less than two minutes to go, reduced the lead. Bell dribbled his way into the circle, pushed a shot into the goalkeeper's pads and Dick rushed in to score off the rebound. Don McWatters, the Australian coach, said it was a grand game of hockey, well played by both sides. He felt, however, that the score was wrong and thought that a draw would have been fairer. He thought the first goal should have been disallowed for offside. Terry Moessinger, the Australian manager, said: "We could have pulled it off".

There followed a colourful and moving ceremony. The British team who finished third, mounted the victory stand along with Australia and Pakistan to receive their medals. General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the president of Pakistan, rounded off his speech by declaring tomorrow a public public holiday. The British team left tonight and will arrive in London tomorrow afternoon.

PAKISTAN: Shelim Sherwani; Manzoor Hassan, Munawar Zaman, Saeed Ahmed, Akhtar Rasool, Shafique, Islahuddin, Manzoor, Shahnaz, Hanif, Samiullah.

AUSTRALIA: W. Greene; I. Cooke, G. Davies, J. Irvine, T. Smith, G. Boyce, S. Smith, D. Bell, R. Dick, M. Poole, G. Browning.

Umpires: J. Riemersma (Netherlands) and G. Vilayanathan (Malaysia).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pakistan	4	4	0	0	13	5	8
Australia	4	3	1	1	9	7	6
Britain	4	1	3	1	9	10	4
New Zealand	4	1	0	3	9	12	3
Spain	4	0	1	3	7	13	1

Real tennis

Service variety the spice of Hyland victory

Graham Hyland, a Tasmanian professional aged 22, scored an impressive win over David Cull, of Lord's and one of the leading professionals in this country, by 6—2, 6—3, 6—2 in the Open Real Tennis tournament, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at Queen's Club yesterday. Not many who play this game are capable of such an accomplishment against a player who has been in the final of this leading event once and the semi-final on numerous occasions.

Hyland is small, compact, quick in movement and wits (a real tennis version of Henri Cochet) and plays with a classic style that is mostly pleasing to watch. He was taught by Barry Coates, a Hobart professional. His interesting variety of services (he used six against Johnson) are the result of practice and experiment with Christopher Ronaldson, professional at the Royal Melbourne Club, who is shortly joining the Troon Club in Scotland.

Cull did not play badly. He was under pressure most of the time, was outplayed on the floor for pace and length and, as often happens, luck did not run his way. He tried desperately hard to get into the match in the middle of the second set, in which he led 3—2. Hyland, who began that set with a few errors, responded.

The tempo of play was raised, the rallies became spirited and exciting and the Australian won four games in a row. More or less the same happened in the third set, in which Cull, at last having some success in forcing for the dedans, led 2—1 with a point for 3—1. The fourth game was long and crucial, Cull's last chance. Hyland, holding the service end most of the time, denied him.

Lachlan Deucher, a Melbourne professional, was beaten by David Johnson, a Lord's professional, by 6—5, 6—5, 6—3. Deuchar's play was rugged, erratic and showed none of the finesse of his countryman. But he made the most of those moments when Johnson's concentration lapsed, as it did at 4—2 in the first set and 5—2 in the second. Otherwise Johnson's play on the floor was quietly effective.

FIRST ROUND: G. Hyland (Hobart) beat D. W. Cull (Lord's), 6—2, 6—3, 6—2; D. C. Johnson (Lord's) beat L. Deuchar (Royal Melbourne), 6—5, 6—5, 6—3.

Boxing

Johnson forced to withdraw from title bout

Bunny Johnson, the British light heavyweight champion, has influenza and has withdrawn from his title defence against Rab Affleck of Scotland at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, next Friday, the contest will probably go on at Wolverhampton on January 22.

The Leicester show will still go on, however, and the Wolverhampton featherweight, Pat Cowdell, will come to the rescue of the promoter, Ron Gray, who is also his manager.

Cowdell, who is waiting to fight a British featherweight title final eliminator against Les Pickett of Merthyr, will meet an American. Cowdell's fight with Pickett has also been hit by illness. It should have taken place at Merthyr on December 10 but Pickett has withdrawn and this contest will now take place on January 20.

Mass joins Arrows

Jochen Mass, the German Grand Prix driver, has joined the Arrow team, whose number one driver is Riccardo Patrese, for the 1979 world championship season. Mass has fully recovered from injuries suffered in a serious crash.

American football

NATIONAL LEAGUE: [illegible] Denver [illegible] boy 37, Washington [illegible]

Tennis

Miss Barker in last four despite injury

Brisbane, Nov 24.—Susan Barker, the top seed, battled against a back injury as she defeated Deborah Freeman, of Australia 6—3, 6—1 in the quarter-final round of the Queensland open grass court tennis championships here today.

Miss Barker, who sparked Britain to the recent Wightman Cup victory over the United States in London, was obviously troubled by a back muscle injury. It inhibited her service action. But she was devastating off the ground as she powered her way to an impressive victory.

Elly Vessies, the second seed, from the Netherlands, wore down Carol Draper, a local player, to go through to the last four. Tim Wilkinson is the only non-Australian through to the men's semi-final round after his 7—6, 6—1 win over Syd Ball.

RESULTS: Women's quarter-final round: Miss S. Barker beat Miss D. Freeman, 6—3, 6—1; Miss E. Vessies beat Miss C. Draper, 6—1, 6—1; Miss C. O'Neill beat Miss K. Pratt, 6—1, 6—1; Miss P. Grong beat Miss L. Harrison, 7—5, 6—1. Men's quarter-final round: V. Eke wo R. Kelly, scr; D. Collings beat M. Anderson, 6—4, 6—3; T. Wilkison beat S. Ball, 7—6, 6—1; A. Gardiner beat G. Arre, 6—3, 6—2.—Reuter.

TOKYO: women's semi-finals: Miss T. Austin beat Miss K. May 6—3, 6—2; Miss M. Navratilova beat Miss V. Ruzici 6—4, 6—3.

Yachting

Confirmation of victory for Slater

Pattaya, Thailand, Nov 24.—The European champion, Kim Slater of Britain, was confirmed as winner of the 1978 International Fireball Regatta and the Asian Fireball championships, an announcement said today. The announcement came after the race committee had held a series of meetings to rule on protests made in two of the five races in the regatta—forerunner to the 1978 World Fireball championships scheduled to start here on Sunday.

The top Asian contender Gordon Lucas of Australia, finished second overall to prevent a British sweep of the leading placings. British crews obtained third, fourth, fifth and sixth positions in the final standings, based on four of the five races over the past three days.

They were last year's world runner-up, Laurie Smith, Roger Tushingham, John Alsop and Crispin Read-Wilson.

Gordon Danielson, solitary contender from the United States who won the opening race, finished seventh, one ahead of David Hudson and Brett Willetts of Canada.

FINAL PLACINGS: 1. K. Slater-N. Read-Wilson (GB); 2. G. Lucas-J. Gardiner (Australia); 3. L. Smith-A. [illegible] (GB); 4. R. Tushingham-N. [illegible] (GB); 5. J. Alsop-O. Stewart [illegible]; [illegible] Read-Wilson-P. Wain [illegible] and Irish placings: [illegible] Pennington: 13. K. [illegible]; 18. B. Craig-J. [illegible]; [illegible] A. Bell-M. Bell—

Judo

Sonoda and Fujii shine for Japan

Tokyo, Nov 24.—Japan's Olympic champion, Isamu Sonoda, and the former world champion, Shozo Fujii, won their respective classes in an international judo tournament here today to give Japan their second and third wins in the tournament. Sonoda, a 32-year-old policeman who won the 80 kilos class at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, beat his fellow-countryman, Masao Takahashi, on points in the final of the 86 kilos class.

Brian Jacks of Britain, who lost to Takahashi in the semi-final round, was third along with Sub Sang-Yul of South Korea. Sub lost to Sonoda in the other semi-final match.

Racing

Looking for a star in the Henness

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Nine steeplechasers have been declared for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury today but the field will be reduced still further unless it rains heavily beforehand because Peter Bailey told me yesterday that his acceptor, Strombolus, will only run if the ground eases. It did rain a little at Newbury yesterday, but much less than in other parts of the country, and basically there was only enough to colour the grass.

It will need to rain much more heavily over a prolonged period for Bailey to risk the winner of this year's Whitbread Gold Cup. Remembering how many great horses have run in the race in the past 20 years it must be said that today's field falls well below the standard. Some might say it is a no star Hennessy.

Master H eight lengths third in the Cheltenham Gold Cup this year, has stood his ground but even he does not compare with many of the heroes of the past. Discussing Master H's chance this week the horse's trainer, Michael Oliver, said that he was as fit as he could get him in what has been difficult circumstances, and that he is hopeful that he will run well.

Twelve days ago Master H went to Nottingham, where he started at 7 to 2 on to win the Trent Steeplechase, and was beaten by his solitary rival, his stable companion Three Gems. Even allowing for the fact that race will have brought him on, that result did not inspire confidence, and I prefer Approaching who won his first and only race this season at Newbury 17 days ago.

Newbury is Approaching's happy hunting ground. All the four steeplechases that he has won have been there, but more important, he has shown that he goes well on fast ground. Last year, Approaching won twice at Newbury before he developed respiratory trouble. He was hobdayed soon afterwards and as far as his trainer, Josh Gifford, knows that operation has been an unqualified success. Gifford is confident that Approaching will give his backers a good run for their money this afternoon, and so am I, even though he will be carrying more than the handicapper alloted because Bob Champion's lightest riding weight is 10st 6lb.

There may have been only three runners for each of the three steeplechases at Newbury yesterday, but they were all good races, and none more so than the Jacky Upton Steeplechase which was won by Valiant Charger. Twenty-four hours earlier I was critical of the way John Francome rode Lord Browndodd at Kempton, but this time he really excelled in getting Valiant Charger home. Valiant Charger is not the most fluent jumper in the world, and possibly not the most courageous either. Nevertheless, thanks to Francome he became Fred Winter's 900th winner as a trainer. As a jockey, Winter rode 929 winners under National Hunt Rules.

Half an hour later, Border Fort gave a lovely display of jumping when he outpaced and outclassed Anthony of Padua and Sunrise Hill in the closing stages of the Oxfordshire Steeplechase.

Fred Rimell has a livewire for this season's Triumph Hurdle in McAdam who won the first division of the Freshmen's Novices' Hurdle easily. Rimell said that he had never seen a young horse better schooled. Imagine then, his surprise, when McAdam failed to finish in the first four at Stratford-on-Avon in his first race over hurdles for which he started at 2 to 1 on. Apparently, a horse



A star is born: McAdam winning the Freshmen's hu

fell in front of him at the first flight that day and scared him. Afterwards, he never jumped a hurdle properly. Yesterday, it was totally different. Apart from one error, he hurdled as if he had been at the game all his life. Clearly he is one to [...] Rimwell could not run his promising three-year-old, Wa[...] See, in the second d[...] because the colt was lame [...] yesterday morning having cast in his box overnight.

Ocean Voyage will last longer at these weigh

By Michael Seely

The northern jumping season flares into life today at Wetherby where the easier going has produced some good class racing and large fields for the novice races. Finding the winners will not be easy. The day's best bet could be Ocean Voyage who can continue the run of success of the leading trainer, Tony Dickinson and his jockey, Tommy Carmody, in the Associated Tyre Specialists Handicap Steeplechase.

Ocean Voyage and Ice Plant the top weight, may be improving enough to outstrip the official assessor. Twice a winner over fences last season Ocean Voyage gave a polished exhibition when accounting for I'm Smart at Stratford-on-Avon. Unfancied by his connexions, Ocean Voyage tired in the closing stages and won only by a length. He will be fitter this afternoon.

Neville Crump holds a golden opinion of Ice Plant whom he considers to be potentially the best chaser in his yard. "You know my good sprinter, Friendly Fun", Crump, said yesterday. "Ice Plant is the only one of my horses that can live with him over five furlongs at home". But at Teesside Park last March, Ocean Voyage was in receipt of only 7lb from Ice Plant when falling at the last fence with the issue still in doubt. So with a further 12lb advantage in the weights Ocean Voyage must represent a sound wager to beat Ice Plant, Lord Greystoke and Royal Roseberry.

In the Embassy Premier Steeplechase qualifier Dickinson runs Silver Buck, his impressive Teesside and Stratford scorer. The six-year-old was a useful long distance novice hurdler last season whose limitations were exposed in the top class events in the spring. But he is undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with over fences.

John O'Neill rides Alverton, the third of whose three victories in a row for Peter Easterby last season culminated in a triumph in the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham. This hardy old warrior is in a different league to his rivals having countless wins to his credit on the flat and over hurdles as well. Alverton must therefore be the selection but this is a race to watch with the future in mind.

Maurice Camacho, the late trainer's successor and stepson, runs Hutton Lad in the Charlie Hall Memorial Wetherby P[...] Steeplechase. Hutton Lad ha[...] this race as his long term [...] tive. Immediately the Tad[...] trainer heard that O'Neill w[...] ride at Wetherby, instead of [...] bury, he snapped up the se[...] of the champion jockey. Bu[...] drawback to Hutton [...] chances is that the groun[...] been too firm to give the s[...] year-old a run over fences. [...] ever, Hutton Lad shaped we[...] his first outing this season [...] third to Royal Navy over h[...] at Newcastle.

There are three more than [...] ful winners in the field i[...] shape of Fighting Fit, [...] Hunter and Man Alive, but [...] ton Lad, whose form over h[...] has been superior to that [...] rivals, is a sentimental c[...]

Newbury

[Television (BBC 1): 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races]

1.0 SPEEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,060: 2m 100yd)
2-31 Chichester Bird, R. Smyth, 4-11-5
Cargolux, D. Grissell, 5-11-2
p-03 Iron Fighter, W. Fisher, 5-11-2
Special Cargo, F. Walwyn, 5-11-2
040- Colway Boy, R. Akehurst, 4-10-12
000- Glossy Over, J. S. Evans, 4-10-12
0f- Riberry, R. Smyth, 4-10-12
Royal Cottage, J. P. Jones, 4-10-12
Sparton Magic, Mrs E. Kennard, 4-10-12
Hauser, D. Morley, 4-10-12
Hollow Away, C. Benstead, 4-10-12
Milliondollarman, Mrs R. Lomax, 4-10-12
0- O'er the Border, P. Calver, 4-10-12
32-0 Prince Lancing, J. S. Evans, 4-10-12
02- Upton Grey, F. Walwyn, 4-10-12

1.30 HOPEFUL CHASE (£2,061: 2½m)
00-1 Hesgott, W. Fisher, 9-11-10
0-23 Gradenly, M. Marsh, 9-11-5
0f3 Current Chance, F. A. Smith, 7-11-5
0n-b Koiro Scott, N. Gaselee, 8-11-5
04 Princely Contest, J. Gifford, 6-11-5

2.5 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP CHASE (Handicap: £9,056: 3¼m 82yd)
0-12 Master H, M. Oliver, 9-12-0
-f23 King of Country, D. Barons, 7-11-2
f1-2 Strombolus, P. Bailey, 7-10-11
3-3p Parkhouse, Mrs M. Easton, 9-10-8
40- Sanlieu, D. Morley, 8-10-3
14-1 Approaching, J. Gifford, 7-10-2
-212 Orillo, G. Balding, 9-10-0
u10 William Penn, D. Pearman, 7-10-0
-131 Red Earl, S. Nesbitt, 9-10-0

2.35 BERKSHIRE HURDLE (£4,097: 2m 100yd)
001- Connaught Ranger, F. Rimell, 4-11-9
300- Bootlaces, D. Barons, 4-11-5
004- Gambling Prince, J. P. Jones, 5-11-5
021 Heman, D. Morley, 5-11-5
11-4 Royal Gaye, F. Rimell, 5-11-5
410- Tarlank, F. Walwyn, 5-11-1
04f- Within The Law, M. H. Easterby, 4-11-1
034- The Czar, R. Turnell, 4-10-11

3.5 NORTH STREET HANDICAP CHASE (£2,355: 2m 160yd)
-141 Menehall, F. Walwyn, 11-12-6
22-0 Space Project, R. Brown, 8-12-0
f30- Tree Tangle, R. Turnell, 9-11-12
-121 Major Owen, N. Henderson, 9-11-8
-001 Skryne, P. Bailey, 8-11-2

3.35 SPEEN HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £1,043: 2m 100yd)
2-11 Wheel-em-boy, Peter Taylor, 5-12-2
00- Owen View, N. Henderson, 7-11-2
4- Bewshel, R. Smyth, 4-10-12
020- Camboova, Mrs D. Oughton, 4-10-12

NEWBURY SELECTIONS: 1.0 Chichester Bird. 1.30 Gradenly. 2.5 Approaching. 3.35 Within The Law. 3.5 Menehall. 3.35 Prince Lancing.

Wetherby

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 races]

1.0 THORP ARCH HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £647: 2m)
405 Fighting Fiddler, A. Smith, 11-0
31 Quality Supreme, T. Gillam, 11-0
Alick, M. H. Easterby, 10-7
Avec-Vous, T. Kersey, 10-7
8 Biddy Dor, R. Johnson, 10-7
Creswell, P. Wigham, 10-7
Cutting Comment, M. Camacho, 10-7
42 Dream Child, Miss S. Hall, 10-7
00 Easby Gold, C. Simpson, 10-7
0 Geraldo, A. Dickinson, 10-7
Gold Shoveler, M. W. Easterby, 10-7
0 Halton, W. A. Stephenson, 10-7
Hit The Deck, E. Carter, 10-7
2b Jubilee Gift, J. Fitzgerald, 10-7
0f Knockespoch, M. W. Easterby, 10-7
0 Mosh Merchant, D. Plant, 10-7
00 Miss Friendly, M. Naughton, 10-7
Most Jubilant, M. H. Easterby, 10-7
My Star Hussar, G. Toft, 10-7
Nickelin, M. Camacho, 10-7
332 Orange Hayes, J. Berry, 10-7
00 Pincely Girl, J. Turner, 10-7
Royal Celebrations, M. H. Easterby, 10-7
2 Swagger Stick, E. Weymes, 10-7
The Missus, P. Asquith, 10-7

1.30 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE (Qualifier: 1,449: 2½m 100yds)
111- Alverton, M. H. Easterby, 8-12-0
f00 Lords, R. Wall, 7-11-7
132 Mac's Chariot, D. Nicholson, 7-11-7
11-1 Mafia King, E. Courage, 7-11-7
531- Prince Maythorn, D. Nicholson, 7-11-7
0-11 Silver Buck, A. Dickinson, 6-11-7
0 Spalet, E. Owen jun, 5-11-4

2.0 ASSOCIATED TYRE CHASE (Handicap: £1,907: 2m)
111 Ice Plant, N. Crump, 6-12-0
313 Lord Greystoke, G. Richards, 7-11-4
121 Royal Roseberry, M. W. Easterby, 7-10-9
22-1 Ocean Voyage, A. Dickinson, 6-10-9
0-3b Brawny Scot, G. Fairbairn, 8-10-0
3-31 I'm Smart, E. Courage, 11-10-0

2.30 PHILIP CORNES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,410: 3m)
1 High Steward, F. Dever, 5-11-8
0-11 Cathy's Courtier, R. E. Peacock, 6-11-5
Clems Boy, A. Smith, 6-11-0
04 Lin Slipper, E. Minchard, 5-11-0
33-4 Migelito, M. Naughton, 6-11-0
020- Moss Way, A. Jones, 7-11-0
000- Mr Hogarty, R. Wall, 7-11-0
240- Pedahl, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-0
00-0 Proper Topper, G. Fairbairn, 5-11-0
u0-0 Saucy Review, R. Whitaker, 6-11-0
4-41 Slippery Dick, J. Heine, 6-11-0
0 Sporting Prince, B. Wilkinson, 5-11-0
402 Sub Judice, G. Richards, 7-11-0
02-4 Westberry Lodge, D. Nicholson, 5-11-0
222- Westward Express, A. Jones, 6-11-0
04 Bright Bee, N. Crump, 4-10-8
4-04 Peaty Sandy, Mrs S. Chesmore, 4-10-8

3.0 CHARLIE HALL CHASE (£2,887: 3m 100yds)
24f Blue Chrome, Miss S. Hall, 6-11-9
111 Fighting Fit, K. Oliver, 6-11-9
24-3 Hutton Lad, M. Camacho, 7-11-9
1-21 Man Alive, G. Richards, 7-11-9
1-11 Cavity Hunter, A. Dickinson, 8-11-7

3.30 THORP ARCH HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o Novices: £645: 2m)
Bushello, N. Crump, 10-7
Captain Bing, J. Bingham, 10-7
Caroleon Romance, Hbt Jones, 10-7
Comedy Blue, H. Fleming, 10-7
Cycladic, F. Wiles, 10-7
000 Handsome Blaze, C. Booth, 10-7
Heavenly Laird, E. Carter, 10-7
Holiday Hymn, W. Gray, 10-7
Linamac, B. Wilkinson, 10-7
Limesdale, M. H. Easterby, 10-7
Minstrel Prince, E. Carter, 10-7
0 Morton Prince, A. Jarvis, 10-7
Ninth Addition, M. W. Easterby, 10-7
f0 Poker Player, M. W. Easterby, 10-7
Quay Man, M. Camacho, 10-7
00 Russian Winter, P. Haslam, 10-7
0 Saramir, A. Fletton, 10-7
0 Ski Run, P. Wigham, 10-7
Spinky, Hbt Jones, 10-7
Summergold, M. Camacho, 10-7
0 Tayside, G. Toft, 10-7
30c Tippecty, W. A. Stephenson, 10-7
0 Welsh Piper, P. Rohan, 10-7
Yodelay, W. Haigh, 10-7
2 Zamandra, J. Fitzgerald, 10-7

WETHERBY SELECTIONS: 1.0 Swagger Stick. 1.30 Alverton. 2.0 Ocean Voyage. 2.30 Peaty Sandy. 3.30 Limesdale.

Wolverhampton

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 & 2.45 races]

12.45 ADVENT AMATEUR RIDERS' CHASE (Handicap: £920: 2m 5f)
4pr- Lucy Parker, J. Fawkes, 7-10-7
2u4 John Boy, D. Edmunds, 8-10-7
p-33 March Flight, J. Peacock, 9-10-7
f34 Posy Burn, Mrs J. French, 9-10-7

1.15 WROTTESLEY CHASE (Handicap: £1,221: 2m)
-3p4 El Cardo, Mrs E. Kennard, 8-11-2
-010 Co-Partner, W. Jenks, 9-11-[...]
-030 Transformation, J. Old, 11-1[...]
205- Fox Run, M. Tate, 7-10-2
4p-2 Steady, Mrs J. French, 8-10[...]

1.45 H. GEARY LTD HUR[...] (Handicap: £1,805: 2½m[...])
122 Grando King, M. Tate, 9-[...]
131- Tidal Wave, D. H. Jones, [...]
00-2 Prescott, G. Balding, 7-10-[...]
31-3 Reidis, D. Gandolfo, 4-10-8
3-43 Woodvale, R. Murphy, 8-10

2.15 BRITAX PLAY[...] CHASE (Novices: £[...] 3m)
4p0 Even Town, B. Thorntey, 8-[...]
044- Derbys Birthday, J. Elwell, [...]
23-0 Flora Go Lightly, Miss B. [...]
1f-3 Gloonan Lodge, Earl Jones[...]
00-0 Kite, W. Jenks, 6-11-0
0-p Orient Dancer, S. Wright, 7-[...]
pp-p Red Buck, K. Bridgwater, 7-[...]
This Way, J. George, 7-11-[...]
Again The Same, J. Edward[...]

2.45 TOM CAXTON B[...] BREW HURDLE (Hand[...] qualifier: £918: 2m)
000 Delbounity, A. Brisbourne, 8-[...]
02-0 Prince Abyss, P. Arthur, 12-[...]
04-0 Colonel Nelson, D. Nicholson[...]
11f Ouiarater, W. Whiston, 6-10-[...]
4d5 Saucy Dove, G. H. Price, 6-[...]
130- Virginia Drive, D. Underwood[...]
2p-0 The White Tower, Mrs J. P[...]
222- Charbonnier, P. Bailey, 7-10[...]
030 Lloyd Ardua, B. Cambidge, [...]
00-0 No Loiterer, F. Hutchinson, [...]

3.15 CASTLECROFT HUR[...] (4-y-o novices: £692: 2m)
00-1 Filletts Farm, J. Bissill, 11-6
0-15 Now Hear This, G. Balding, [...]
320- Alltyre, D. Underwood, 10-1[...]
3 Ashfields Kinds, R. Pugh, 1[...]
000- Cannon of Milton, Mrs R. Lo[...]
Casplus, Mrs J. Fraser, 10-1[...]
Divers Express, Mrs C. D[...]
Ewan's Rock, J. Bradley, 10-[...]
pp Four Days, D. Plant, 10-10
u Hard School, R. Clay, 10-10
0 Hopeful Step, D. Gandolfo, [...]
In A Pickle, Mrs A. Finch, [...]
3 Kings Green, J. Bradley, 10-[...]
40-4 Linton, D. Underwood, 10-[...]
Normandy Sign, A. Brisbourne[...]
402 Poppy Fields, B. Cambridge[...]
Ravenscott, L. Barrett, 10-10
0-02 Sylvia's Dream, C. Hill, 10-1[...]
030- Tabagol, G. Yardley, 10-10
0- The Cabinet Maker, Mrs A. F[...]
The Odd Job, J. Webber, 10-[...]
0-p0 Turo, D. Nicholson, 10-10
p0 Uncle Caipl, G. H. Price, 10-[...]

WOLVERHAMPTON SELECT[...]: 12.45 March Flight. 1.15 Fox [...]. 1.45 Grando King. 2.15 Flora Go Lightly. 2.45 Colonel Nelson. [...] Filletts Farm.

Newbury results

1.0 (1.3) FRESHMANS HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: Novices: £863: 2m 100yd)
McAdam, b or br c, by Targowice—High Road (J. Curtis), 11-0 C. Tinkler (7-4 fav) 1
Cole Porter .. R. Champion (5-1) 2
Mont More ...... C. Brown (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Swing Bridge (4th), 12-1 Star Member, 16-1 King of Accords, 20-1 Tamina, 25-1 Soldier Sahib, 33-1 Cumon Girl (p), Dampanlete, Very Regal. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 11p, 30p, 11p; dual forecast, 93p. F. Rimell, Severn Stoke. 4l, 10l.

1.30 (1.55) CLANFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,052: 3m)
Organised Confusion, b g, by Above Suspicion—Tameraine (H. Grey-[...]) 7-10-0 .. B. Reilly (11-2) 1
Majestic Touch M. Brisbourne (7-2) 2
Harwell Abbey .. G. Dowd (4-9) 3
Three ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; dual forecast, 4.5p. P. Calver, Alresford. Sh hd, 1½l.

2.0 (2.8) JACKY UPTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,674: 2½m)
Valiant Charger, b g, by Light Brigade—Lady Sprit (Mrs J. Caballus), 7-11-4 bl J. Francome (11-8 fav) 1
Parambulate .. P. Leach (13-8) 2
Catsgore, P. Richards (100-30) 3
Three ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; dual forecast, 14p. F. Winter, Lambourn. Hd, 10l.

2.30 (2.31) OXFORDSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (£1,893: 2m 160yd)
Border Fort, b g, by Border Chief—Gay Forties (Mrs C. Williams) 6-11-0 ...... A. Turnell (3-1) 1
Sunrise Hill J. King (Evens fav) 2
Anthony of Padua, W. Smith (9-4) 3
Three ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; dual forecast, 24p. R. Turnell, Marlborough. 7l, ½l.

3.0 (3.2) ROUND OAK HURDLE (Handicap: £1,679: 2½m 120yd)
Gilven, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Gilt Token (S. Hadida Ltd) 6-11-7 J. Jenkins (6-4) 1
Firs Park .. B. R. Davies (10-1) 2
Valabalon, ... J. Sampson (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: Evens fav Echo Summit (4th). Four ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; dual forecast, 44p. P. Kelleway, Newmarket. 2l, 7l.

3.30 (3.32) FRESHMANS HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 3-y-o: £855: 2m 100yd)
Welsh Jester, b c, by St Chad—Charley's Aunt (Ecal Commodities Ltd) 11-0 G. Jones (13-2) 1
Narakan, G. Thorner (11-8 fav) 2
Lufsomer Traminer, C. Tinkler (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Charles James (4th), Pippalink, 15-2 Pride O'Malley, 13-1 Roller, 16-1 Forge Man, The Gascon, 20-1 Major George. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.19; places, 40p, 14p, 36p; dual forecast, 85p. A. Pitt, Epsom. 3l, 12l. Walt and Sea did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Valiant Charger, Given, £4.05. TREBLE: Organised Confusion, Border Fort, Welsh Jester, £246.35. Jackpot: not won. Placepot: £59.70.

Wetherby

1.0 (1.2) HORNSHAW HURDLE (4-y-o Novices: £570: 2m)
Jonathans Choice, ch c by Double Jump—Relinquish (J. Meehan), 10-7 .... Mr D. Oldham (16-1) 1
Motala ...... P. J. Kelly (14-1) 2
Balleus, ... J. J. O'Neill (11-10 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-2 Paper Work, 12-1 Hallex Pep, 14-1 Quick J, Supreme Penny (4th), Swallow Hill, 20-1 Tudor Mansion, 33-1 Pearl Noir (f), Coral Mist, Lucky Story, Miscora. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 92p; places, 23p, £1.25, 11p; dual forecast, £6.24. M. Camacho, Tadcaster. ½l, 3l.

1.30 (1.33) CLIFFORD STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £696: 3m 50yd)
Royal Sally, b m by Sally Russo—Little Bit Royal (G. Houghton), 6-11-0 Mr T. G. Dun (2-1 fav) 1
Caravine, ... R. Barry (16-1) 2
Miss Normandy, M. Barnes (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Selby, Flaxton (4th), 8-1 Sicbara, 12-1 Railway Line, 16-1 Kipton, 20-1 Melmerby, 35-1 Vivnumis. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 19p, 31p, 50p; dual forecast, £5.43. W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland. 3l, 8l.

2.0 (2.3) GREEN HAMMERTON HURDLE (Handicap: £928: 2½m)
Saucy Eater, ch m by Saucy Kit—Firester (J. Crichton) 5-11-5 M. Barnes (4-1 jt fav) 1
Pentmson, ... D. Atkins (9-1) 2
Rosie Whisper, Mr A. J. Wilson (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Saint Angelo, 7-1 Four Trees, Cool Trader (p), 9-1 Catochin Creek, 12-1 Brag (4th), Priddy Friendly, Bad Job (p), Inca Prince, Pink God. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 18p, 83p, 49p; dual forecast, 97p. L. Barnes, Penrith. 3l, 3l.

2.30 (2.33) BOSTON SPA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £960: 2½m 100yd)
Arrigle Boy, ch g, by Arrigle Valley—Beehive (D. Eddy), 6-9-8 Mr D. Oldham (13-8 fav) 1
Gone Out .... Mr J. Walton (9-4) 2
Red Trump Mr S. L. A. Garfield (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Brandy Fare (f). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; dual forecast, 27p. R. Johnson, Crook. 15l, 1l.

3.0 (3.0) SUPERMASTER CHASE (Handicap: £1,799: 3m 100yd)
Cumbria, b g, by Kabale—Trixies Check (Mrs H. Walton), 8-10-6 Mr T. G. Dun (11-10) 1
ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Irish Tony (u). 2 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p. W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland.

3.30 (3.34) HORNSHAW HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £579: 2m)
Don't Forget, gr g, by Brave Invader (US)—Palouranna (W. A. Stephenson), 11-0 R. Collins (10-1) 1
Whitby Jet ...... N. Tinkler (7-2) 2
Clever Avose . D. Wilkinson (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Manton Castle, 8-1 Barton Cross, 16-1 Velvet Boy (4th), Albany Spirit, Bartlomy Fair, 20-1 Brookrord, Hallo Dandy, New Departure, Night Runner, Silver Guard, 33-1 Fredicuiate, Rabid, Rogeric. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.58; places, 56p, 16p, 89p; dual forecast, £6.87. W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland. 4l, 6l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Saucy Eater and Cumbria: £7.15. TREBLE: Royal Sally, Arrigle Boy and Don't Forget: £4.70 (paid on first two legs).

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12.45 (12.46) WHITE HART STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £997: 2m)
Rathgorman, ch g, by Super Sam—Creek Light, 6-12-7 T. Carmody (8-13 fav) 1
Radalis ...... L. Walkinson (7-2) 2
Sesmad ...... R. R. Evans (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-2 Rut Rig (4th), 14-1 Old Chad. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; dual forecast, 50p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. ½l, 10l.

1.15 (1.18) WHITE SWAN HURDLE (£563: 2m)
Candymay, b f, by Maystreak—Clold, 4-11-0 N. Tinkler (4-1 jt fav) 1
Sturdy Lad .. S. Kettlewell (25-1) 2
Holly Dell, Paulette Radford (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Triole (4th), 7-1 Gallery Royal, 8-1 Maystreak Bank, 10-1 Irish Aristocrat (u), 11-1 Jolly Melody, Point One, 12-1 Charlie Baffie, Cry For Joy, Likely Boy, Tasmin, 14-1 Rose Petite, 16-1 Songburst, 25-1 Soldiers Field (f), Selecium (p), Africa Star, Daze, Portrayal, Lady Novem, Markdall, Sea Mermaid (u), Splendid Boy (p), Yeomcopit. 25 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 24p, £3.71, 36p; dual forecast, 15p (winner with any other horse). J. Hardy, at Staunton. 1l, 3l. Winner was bought for 750 gns.

1.45 (1.51) GORDON ARMS HU[...] (Handicap: £944: 2m)
Portal Prince, b g, by Crown Prince—Torrefranca, 5-10-4 J. McLaughlin (2-1 fav) 1
Full Value ...... S. McNeil [...] 2
Mammy's Star .. A. Carroll (9-[...]) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Baltic Love (4th), Gay Twenties, Tenuco, 11-1 [...], 16-1 Huntercombe Lad (f), [...] Declaration, Simpson Jersey (p), [...]orama, 25-1 Gusty Somers, Mr [...] Star, Call-Me-Moriais (f). 1[...] ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 23p, [...] 39p; dual forecast, 58p. J. Bin[...] at Doncaster. ½l, 1l.

2.15 (2.20) LIMESTONE ED[...] STEEPLECHASE (Hand[...] (£1,186: 3m)
Moorabinda, br m, by Acer—Pegi[...] Jones (8-9-13), R. Tuck (3-1) 1
Durham Town ... J. Suthern (4-1) 2
Willy What A. Carroll (11-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Whitsuncell, Pipe Cleaner (4th), 15-2 Lan[...], 14-1 High Rebel (p). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 20p, [...]; dual forecast, 70p. H. Hammer, S[...] well. 30l, 2½l.

2.45 (2.50) HAVE-A-CARE [...] DISTANCE HURDLE (No[...] (£728: 3m)
Frozen Ground, b m, by Arc[...] Slave—Background (5-12-0) [...] Carmody (3-1) 1
Bridge Ash Mr F. Johnson (15-8 fav) 2
River Serene .... R. Lamb (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Sutherlands, 10-1 Calandrino, 11-1 Prince [...] (p), 12-1 Barnist, 20-1 Pina[...] (p), Riboi Lad (4th), 33-1 Walker, Wayward Man (p), Grass (p), Something-in-Hand (p). [...] ran.
TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 23p, 25p; dual forecast, 39p. J. Fitzg[...] Malton. ½l, nk. Le Doran did not run.

3.15 (3.20) ASTON ARMS STE[...]CHASE (Novices: £727: 2m)
Foreign Legion, b g, by Don Carlo[...]—Cbara (7-11-9) G. McNally (4-[...]) 1
Hengham Express B. Smart (9-1) 2
David Tudor ...... H. J. Evans (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Two Bells, 14-1 Kwirode, 16-1 Impus (p), Solo (u), Mayaire, 20-1 Kings Ridani (p), 33-1 Remina, The G[...] Horse (4th), Reformika (u). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 11p, 66p; dual forecast, 73p. C. Jo[...] Newbury. 3l, 6l. Golden Days not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Portal Prince, Frozen Ground, £10.75. TREBLE: Candymay, Moorabinda and Foreign Legion, £11.50.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Mr Michael Blumenthal

...Correspondent
...Nov 24
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...producer prices ...are rising rapidly, and additional upward pressure seems likely as most steel companies are likely to follow the example.

Dr Afred Kahn, the Administration's chief spokesman on inflation, said on Wednesday that he expected the inflation trend to schow distinct signs of improvement by February. Today's announcement by United States Steel will certainly be a blow to his hopes, although the White House Council on Wages and Prices stated that the move appeared to be within the new price increase guidelines.

Upward pressure on many prices is being produced to some degree by the sharp increases in interest rates, according to some business economists.

The Citibank move is the third prime rate rise this month, and follows large increases in the past 10 days in commercial paper rates.

The Fed's open market committee met on Tuesday and it is still unclear from latest *money market developments* whether it decided upon further credit tightening.

Vague indications that it may have slightly raised its target level for federal funds were seen today when the Fed did not start providing cash to the market until the rate for federal funds reached 9 11/16 per cent, just a notch above the intervention rate used recently by the Fed.

Any further tightening at this time would almost certainly lead soon to the establishment of a 12 per cent prime lending rate.

Mr Blumenthal told reporters who accompanied him in the Middle East that the chances of an oil price freeze were low. But he was encouraged that his arguments in favour of extreme moderation appears to have had some impact and that measures taken to increase the value of the dollar have strengthened the case for oil price moderation.

It appears that the secretary is hopeful the Opec rise will be limited to 7 to 8 per cent for all of next year and that this will be implemented in two or more stages, rather than having the full amount of the rise become effective on January 1.

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The announcement folows the decision of the building societies to raise investment interest rates from 6 to 8 per cent, grossing up to 11.94 per cent, and is taken by building society leaders as confirmation that they were right to push up their rates so sharply.

Although the increase in National Savings' rates was no surprise it is expected to make some inrodas into building society net receipts. These are already running lower—about £300m—for November, and still falling.

The 18th issue is seen as the biggest threat, with its gross equivalent return of 12.6 per cent, although, unlike the present issue the certificates have to be held for five, not four years. The initial maximum holding is £1,500.

An unusual feature of the announcement is that the present 14th issue, unlike past issues, is not tobe withdrawn, merely suspended.

This gives the option to revive the issue if interest rates do nor conform to expectation. This happened earlier in the year when the proposed 17th issue was withdrawn as market conditions changed.

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...ed States will ...a first tranche of ...ated securities in ...hough details have ...n settled, senior ...es said today.

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The security issue forms part of PresidentCarter's dollar defence plan, unveiled on November 1, which included proposals to raise up to $10,000m through securities denominated in marks, Swiss francs and yen.

The sources said the Americans want to confine themselves to the domestic capital market, primarily to ensure that the issues are not bought by foreigners who would merely convert dollars into marks and defeat the object of the exercise.

Foreigners are debarred from buying domestic securities with maturities of up to four years, and the 25 per cent withholding tax, payable by foreigners, acts as a powerful disincentive on longer dates.

At least part of the amount is therefore likely to be in the form of Kassenobligationen, notes, generally issued by public entities with three to four year maturities.—Reuter.

Late boost pushes up metal prices

After a week in which metal prices drifted downwards, a slightly improbable combination of a coup in Bolivia, a strike in Canada, and an increase in the producer price of platinum gave the markets a last minute fillip.

The tin price touched £7,170 a tonne yesterday until news of the takeover in Bolivia, which accounts for about 12 per cent of world output, pushed it back up to £7,360 for cash high grade.

In Canada the strike which pegan at Inco's Sudbury, Ontario, refinery on September 16 has led the company to repeat earlier warnings that stocks of precious metals, *mainly silver*, are very low.

Rustenburg Platinum has raised its producer price by $20 an ounce to $300. Strong demand forced up the free market price of the metal to a record $393 at the end of October, but it has since slipped and it closed yesterday at $333.

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Green Paper on EMS

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Paper reiterates that "it would be a mistake to base the new EMS on extending the snake, or something very like it to the larger countries which have already found it incompatible with their needs."

The other issues which the Government emphasizes are part and parcel of EMS are mainly concerned with economic convergence between EEC countries. The paper points out that such convergence, in particular of inflation rates, is a necessary basis for a durable and effective system of fixed exchange rates.

The British government has pressed for a reform of the European Community's budget, so that Britain and other poorer countries should gain from the EEC at the expense of the richer countries. At present Britain is a net loser.

Concurrent studies on resource transfer between EEC members have been taking place since July, and the Green paper quotes from the communique after the summit at Bremen that "such measures will be essential if the zone of monetary stability is to succeed". But these studies have not yet got very far.

The Green paper points out that part of the wider EMS discussed at Bremen concerned the role of the new European currency unit and the setting up of a European Monetary Fund. These have still to be worked out.

The paper describes the British view that an exchange rate system based o na parity grid of currencies rather than a basket, imposes a deflationary bias against growth into the system. The British were in the minority on this.

The question of the relationship between the EMS and third currencies such as the dollar has also not yet been properly discussed according to the paper.

On the question of fixed exchange rates the paper rehearses the arguments for and against a high exchange rate, and rejects the view that depreciation could be a solution of the United Kingdom's economic problems. It admits that the pound would probably be higher inside than outside the EMS fixed rate scheme.

However, it does not draw the conclusion from this that the United Kingdom should tie its exchange rate in the scheme as at present proposed. No firm conclusion has yet been reached.

It was suggested by Mr Healey in evidence to the House of Commons Expenditure Committee that the key question was whether it would be easier to keep the pound up inside or outside such a scheme. It is likely that the Government will decide that at the moment sterling would be more stable outside the fixed rate scheme.

The fixed exchange rate system is the central element of the proposed EMS. However, the Government in the Green Paper suggests that membership of the EMS can be divorced from membership of the fixed rate system. Support from other EEC members for this British line would preserve the political impetus behind EMS, while in effect leaving the pound floating as now.

Another setback for UN wheat trade talks

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Nov 24

Disagreement between the United States and the European Economic Community in particular, on wheat price levels and the volume of reserve stocks was given as the main reason for the suspension today of the United Nations wheat conference, which reconvened here three weeks ago amid high hopes of success.

Because an agreement on wheat and coarse grains—together with a food aid convention for helping the poorest countries—is an integral part of wider negotiations for further l beralizing world trade, loday's development is a further setback to prospects of reaching an agreement before the end of the year.

After the wheat conference had lurched from crisis to crisis this week, Mr Arthur Dunkel (Switzerland) the conference chairman, held further talks with delegates last night and today.

He put forward a resolution, approved at a brief final session, noting that "important progress" had been made on proposals drawn up by the 12 nation interim committee.

The resolution said progress was good on market-stabilizatin mechanisms. These included special provisions on coarse grains and food aid which favoured developing countries.

However, further talks were needed to reach final agreement, it added, so the conference was suspended. The chairman is responsible for rtconvening the interim committe, and the committee can call for the full conference to reconvene once main difficulties have been resolved.

Mr Dunkel told a new conference that great progress had geenerally been achieved. "Everybody came with instructions to conclude an agreemtnt" he said.

Council building departments may function independently

By John Huxley

Changes in law to allow the development of local authority building departments into fully independent trading bodies, capable of acting as "pace setters" for private industry, are being considered by the Government.

Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, said yesterday that such bodies would have to be subject to company law and commercial practices, but still responsive to local needs.

He added that the bulding departments, or direct labour organizations (DLOs), could show the way in terms of efficiency, employment practices, welfare schemes and safety.

Mr Armstrong's remarks, made at a conference organized by the Institution of Municipal Engineers, will be anathema to the private sector, it has bitterly opposed the extension of DLOs, most of whose activities are still restricted to repair and maintenance work within their local authority boundary.

Earlier this year, a department working party on DLOs considered the development of building departments into fully independent trading bodies. Mr Armstrong accepted some of the working party's misgivings, but said "We are anxious to see this proposal further discussed."

At the same rime, he disclosed that provision for such a development was to have been included in a draft Bill on DLOs being prepared early last year, but which was never introduced. This was not known to most working party members.

Before framing legislation, the Government intends to produce a consultative document containing its proposals. An assurance that the Government would not tolerate DLOs which prove consistently inefficient was given by Mr Armstrong.

Legislation will create conditions in which they can become more truly comparable with private contractors and give the better DLOs an opportunity to gain the continuity of work necessary for efficient working. "By the same token, legislation will provide controls to ensure that consistently inefficient DLOs are not tolerated", he said.

Mr Armstrong gave a warning that the industry would not retain its skilled men or win back employees f the threat of being laid off in bad times remained.

Offshore well costs up from £4m to £10m

From Our Own Correspondent

The cost of drilling for oil in the North Sea had gone up sharply, said Lord Kearton, chairman of the British National Oil Corporation, in Glasgow yesterday. It was getting to be a very expensive hobby.

After the formal monthly meeting of his board he said that the *direct cost of drilling* for a well now exceeded 10.5m. Oil companies had to contend with subsea currents, making drilling technically more difficult three miles down.

About two or three years ago a well cost about £2m but now few people talked about costs between £3.5m and £4m he said.

Lord Kearton added that some time ago, he had been taken to task because he said that the oil bonanza in the North Sea was over.

He still believed this although he agreed that there was a lot of oil to the West of Shetland, but the position was how to get the oil out.

The development of North Sea oil would continue for at least the next 30 years, he said, but it would require patient and accurate engineering.

He described the Forties field as one of the most marvellous to be discovered in the oil business. If anything worthwhile was found in the South-west Approaches, it would go off "like a rocket" but opinions were very much divided about prospects there, where the BNOC had two blocks with 100 per cent equity interest.

Three wells were expected to start within the next two weeks, by BP and Elf off Falmouth, the British Gas Corporation well south of the Isle of Wight and the BNOC well south-west of Falmouth.

VW call off takeover of computer group

From Our European Business Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 24

Volkswagen today announced that it has terminated its negotiations to acquire a holding in Nixdorf Computer the West German manufacturer of mini computers.

A brief statement issued from Volkswagen's headquarters in Wolfsburg, said that the two companies had failed to agree on the size of the holding that the German motor manufacturer should take in Nixdorf.

It appears that Volkswagen failed in its attempt to persuade Herr Heinz Nixdorf, the computer company's founder and chief executive, to hand over control of Nixdorf.

Talks were first confirmed 11 days ago after the appearance of German press reports which said that Volkswagen was seeking a 50 per cent stake in the computer company for DM500m (£135m).

The breakdown of the talks with Nixdorf is clearly a blow to Volkswagen's strategy of diversifying its interests, particularly as it follows the rejection earlier this year of an attempt by Volkswagen to buy into Gurehoffnungshütte, continental Europe's largest engineering group.

While Volkswagen is still left with the problem of wondering liquid assets, it seems as if Nixdorf may be on the verge of announcing a deal with another company.

A spokesman said today that Nixdorf is planning a press conference in Frankfurt on Wednesday. Although he declined to give details, one thing appears certain—that Herr Heinz Nixdorf will remain in control of his company.

CEGB coal stock at record level

Coal stocks at Britain's power stations could last up to three months if supplies were halted because of industrial action by miners.

The miners have lodged a 40 per cent pay claim with the National Coal Board. If they back this up with industrial action, the stocks will play an important part in keeping power stations operating.

At Drax power station, near Selby, Yorkshire, yesterday Mr Fred Bonner, deputy chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, would not be drawn on what effect he thought such a claim would have on electricity prices.

But he said that power stations were holding the highest coal stocks ever—just under 20,000 million tonnes. The CEGB burns between one million and three-quarters and two million tonnes a week during the winter months.

Extra grant: The Government has made af urther £50m grant to the NCB, bringing this year's grants to a total of £124m. Mr Alex Eadie, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, told Mr Alec Woodall (Lab, Hemsworth) in a *Commons written reply yesterday*.

The extra money will cover stocking aid for coal and coke and coking coal production subsidy.

Price Commission report on road haulage 'inadequate'

By Edward Townsend

Road haulage leaders are continuing to attack the recent Price Commission report on the industry. The report, says the Road Haulage Association, is riddled with inconsistencies and contradictions.

Mr John Silberman, the RHA chairman, last night picked out the commission's call for improving efficiency by road hauliers and accused it of "stating the obvious and offering its inadequate advice".

The commission's report said road haulage costs and charges might be forced up unless the industry found ways of improving efficiency significantly.

It said external factors hampering t rise in efficiency included delays in collection and delivery at industrial and commercial premises, and restrictions placed on the times at which collections and deliveries would be accepted.

Mr Silberman, speaking at an RHA dinner in the Midlands, said the industry could not understand the commission's conclusion that these delays at customers premises could be eliminated by an imposition of charges for demurrage (delays) on customers.

"This is good theory, we admit, but the commission has totally failed to tell us how we can enforce such justified demurrage charges."

The commission might have noted that the RHA had been a forerunner in the field years ago, he said.

The RHA has called for a meeting with Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to discuss its criticisms. In particular, the association wants Mr Hattersley to disregard the recommendation that hauliers charges should not exceed inflation rates over the next 12 months.

French move on Dassault stake

Paris, Nov 24.—The French Government wil lacquire 21 per cent of the capital of société des avions Marcel Dassault Breguet, makers of military and civilian aircraft, according to a draft Bill for the 1978 supplementary budget.

The shares wil lhave double voting rights, thus giving the Government a blocking minority. This third supplementary budget provides for more aid to state-controlled enterprises and raises this year's deficit to 29,850m French francs (£3,511m).

Tanker may be used as N Sea 'airport'

By Peter Hill,

Oil companies and government departments are studying plans for a floating airport to take oilmen to offshore platforms in the North Sea.

The plan, developed by Seaforth Maritime, the Aberdeen-based offshore support group, would mean converting a very *large crude carrier (VLCC) into* a vessel resembling an aircraft carrier without superstructure.

On the designs so far by the company—which stressed that the project was still at the conceptual stage—the vessel would have a displacement of 250,000 tons with a flight deck 1,400 feet long.

The floating airport would be five times as big and would have a runway twice as long as the USS Forrestal, the largest aircraft carrier in the world, which in turn is half as big as *Britain's soon-to-be-retired Ark* Royal.

Seaforth Maritime said that the vessel would be able to operate in winds up t o force eight and would use STOL Dash 7 aircraft built by De Havilland of Canada with the final transfer by helicopter of men from the floating hotel reduced to a few minutes.

The company, which has carried our exhaustive studies, says that the flights would operate at a lower cost per passenger than by using helicopters *from Sumburgh Airport in Shet*land.

The concept would be particularly useful for servicing production platforms in the East Shetland basin, the company says, where the transfer of men is considered by operators to be extremely difficult.

Mr James Hann, managing director of the company, explained that the vessel could also be used in other offshore oil producing areas where distances from land made helicopters impossible.

The company has been involved in discussions with the Department of Trade, the Civil Aviation Authority and other government agencies. The possibility of using the Ark Royal was considered but has been ruled out because of the carrier's age, high costs of operation, and the inadequate length of the flight deck for the type of plane to be used.

Mr Hann explained that further discussions with the oil companies and other interested *organizations would have to* take place but it was expected that a decision on the project would be taken early next year.

With a continuing surplus of oil tankers there would be no shortage of suitable vessels and the cost of conversion into the floating airport is estimated to be about £13m.

Belgium to take stake in steel groups

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Nov 24

The Belgian Government is to take a majority holding in the big steel companies of the French-speaking Walloon area of the country in a move to aid the ailing industry.

The plan was agreed last night by the interim govrnment after a day of interministerial discussions and meetings with employers and unions.

It has been estimated that the overall cost to the state will be 21,000m Belgian francs (£350m) spread over eight years. The major burden will be the conversion of emergency loans granted to the Cockerill Company of Liege and the steel concerns of the Charleroi Triangle into equity capital.

The state will obtain a majorit interest in Cockerill and the companies in the Triangle, by establishing an equity relationship of 60 to 40 with the holding companies that cntrol the groups.

In addition the state will take minority holdings in the more modern Sidmay company, based in Ghent, and certain relatively-profitable independent companies in the French-speaking area of the country.

The logic is to create conditions for a rationalization and modernization of the steel industry. Steelmaking will in future becarried out by three groups—one linking the Luxembourg Arbed concern with the companies of the Charleroi Triangle and Sidmar, another constituting most of the present Cockerill company and a third comprising the independent producers.

Shipbuilding aid 'could prolong shipping slump'

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

British shipping should survive the present slump without disastrous results, Mr Ronnie Swayne, president of the General Council of British Shipping predicted last night.

The greatest threat to this prospect was that Governments, including Britain's, might go on building ships for which there was no need, prolonging the slump and "adding a shipping disaster to a shipbuilding tragedy", he said.

Many Governments were being realistic about the danger of relieving shipbuilding at the expense of shipping, Mr Swayne said. "We can only hope that our own Government will not repeat the bad example they have set overseas, by the use of subsidy and aid money to build for our Pakistan and Indian competitors."

Shipping markets show little sign of recovery for two years for dry bulk and five years for tankers, but this prospect was not disastrous for British shipping, which was better placed than most to meet it.

Dry bulker owners should survive, he told the Bristol Steam-ship Owners Association, particularly if there was some restructuring of loans where necessary.

Container operators were faced with competition from converted bulkers, but British tonnage was modern and its superior service would be preferred by shippers in the long run, even though profits had to suffer from reduced freight rates in the short term.

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Points from Mr. C. Alan McLintock's review

—The net assets of the trust show some increase over the previous year's figure but the increase was not on the scale of that achieved in 1976/77. In percentage terms, net assets rose 11 per cent, the London market 2 per cent and Wall Street 6 per cent. In sterling terms Japan again made a significant contribution. There was also some recovery in the level of the dollar premium.

During the year our shares were split 5 for 1 and, adjusted for this capital change, net earnings per share rose from 1.64p to 1.83p out of which total dividends of 1.70p are proposed compared with 1.50p in 1976/77.

Just as we were beginning to hope that a period of greater economic stability lay ahead, a renewed surge of inflationary fears and pressures has developed both at home and in the United States. Interest rates are again rising and share prices in most markets have taken an ominous tumble since our balance sheet date. It may offer only scant comfort in the short-term to comment, as we believe to be the case, that *in neither absolute nor relative terms does the London* market look over-priced.

How the markets moved

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Rises

Alpine Hldgs	73p to 75½p	Shell Trans	10p to 584p
BP	14p to 936p	Sotheby P.B.	8p to 350p
Gt Portland	6p to 220p	Stock Conv	8p to 274p
Metal Box	8p to 328p	Union Corp	9p to 264p
MTD (Mangula)	5p to 37p	Utd Eng	13p to 77p
Parker Timber	8p to 128p	Utd Scientific	10p to 248p
Reed Int	7p to 159p	W.G.I.	8p to 130p

Falls

ANZ Group	10p to 298p	L. Joseph	5p to 153p
Bk of NSW	20p to 505p	A & J Mucklow	5p to 113p
Durban Rood	5p to 301p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 430p
Farmer S.W.	5p to 132p	Sec Gt Northern	3p to 79p
FPA Cons	5p to 12p	Sentrust	4p to 168p
Inchcape	10p to 342p	J. E. Sanger	24p to 32p
Jardine Math	5p to 165p	Swire Pacific 'A'	5p to 98p

Sterling was at 1.9390. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.3.
Gold dropped by $1 an ounce to $201.625 in London.
SDR-$ was 1.27376 while SDR-£ was 0.654452.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1519.8 (previous 1514.5). Equities good gains.
Gilt edged securities mark time.
Investment dollar premium 82 37 per cent (effective rate 36 per cent).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.69
Austria Sch	29.00	27.00
Belgium Fr	62.75	59.25
Canada $	2.33	2.26
Denmark Kr	10.76	10.26
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.80
France Fr	8.86	8.46
Germany Dm	3.91	3.69
Greece Dr	85.50	81.00
Hongkong $	9.59	9.14
Italy Lr	1720.00	1635.00
Japan Yn	400.00	375.00
Netherlands Gld	4.24	4.01
Norway Kr	10.23	9.88
Portugal Esc	96.00	90.00
S Africa Rd	1.75	1.62
Spain Pes	146.00	139.00
Sweden Kr	8.89	8.49
Switzerland Fr	3.53	3.31
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dr	43.00	40.50

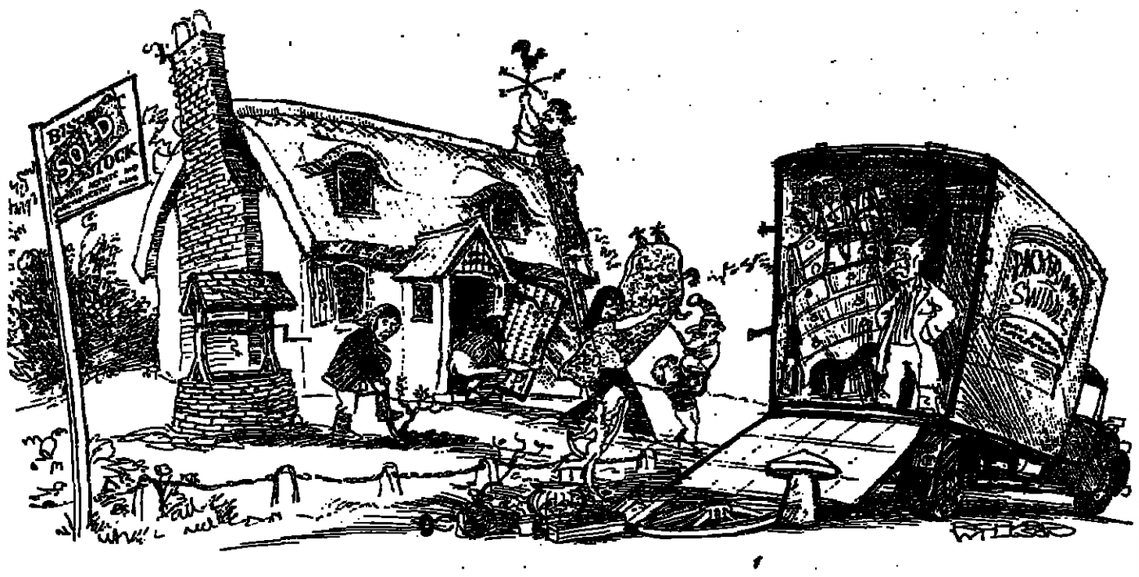
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Your home 8



Selling up and getting out

The final article in a series that has examined ways of making the most of what for many people is their most valuable asset

In home ownership, as with any other asset, there may well come a time when the "investment" has to be realized. People grow old and infirm and we may need sheltered housing. They may go to live with their children. Whatever the reason, they decide to sell up and get out.

Whether you go to live with your children or remove your assets abroad, there are rules to be followed to make sure you get the most from your bricks and mortar you struggled for so long to own particularly since you are opting out of the buying and selling house business.

First, and most obviously, you need some indication of what the property is worth on the market. Unless you have undertaken regular reviews of the value of your home, you are likely to be in for a pleasant surprise. Though house values have slowed down in their rate of increase, *The Times*/Halifax house price index last week showed a 20 per cent rise in value over the previous year.

You can get a valuation either through the agent you choose to sell the property or independently. Remembering that the agent will receive commission of the eventual selling price, it should be in his interest to achieve the highest possible price for you.

Good agents are also qualified valuers, so you should not need an independent valuation, provided you use an agent who is a member of a bona fide institution.

The Law Society is coy about the percentage of the selling price that its members charge their clients as their fee. Suffice to say that it is variable but you can ask the solicitor for a quotation beforehand. On average, you should reckon that between 6 and 10 per cent of the final selling price will go to others before you get your money (including the solicitor, who is usually well worth his fee).

Once the cash is in your hand, it is time to work our best how to use it. Investment advice is outside the remit of this series, but here is some tax and exchange control advice.

Capital gains tax does not come into the exercise, if this was your sole home and, however much it has appreciated, the Revenue is not involved.

The tax man steps in when you try to move your money on to others—to children or other relatives—when the proceeds from the sale could become liable to capital transfer tax.

CTT rules allow £2,000 in total to be transferred gifts each year exempt from capital transfer tax and you can make outright of £100 to any number of individuals. Put simply, such exemptions in the first two years can be grouped together, which allows you to pass over £4,000 plus. There is no CTT charge between husband and wife and each partner can take advantage of the exemptions when passing assets to the next generation.

You are allowed to disburse £25,000 of "chargeable" transfers before CTT starts biting within your lifetime. If you want to pass your money on without the state taking a large slice you must therefore do it while you are still alive.

After death the CTT rates are doubled, as they are or taxable gifts made within three years of death. The moral is to give your money away early, if you want to.

You may, however, be considering emigrating. How much money you may take with you right away, depends on where you go. Bank of England regulations stipulate no restrictions on the movement of funds to the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar or the Irish Republic.

But whatever the money, it is your *home* you have sold. Unless the agreement stipulates otherwise, that will include all the improvements you have made, down to the garden ornaments. You should specifically exclude from any agreement everything you wish to take with you.

So, when the furniture van finally arrives, make sure that there is room enough for the rose bushes, the gnomes, the antique doors and even the weather vane should you have one—after making certain that it is your legal right to take them with you.

Roger Beard

Grouse

A useful innovation in the field of savings has been the modernization of friendly society policies for modest investors who can use the tax concession, inspired by Victorian enthusiasm for self-help societies, to good effect.

The basis of friendly societies is that provided the policies sold remain within a limited size—at present guaranteed sums assured (excluding bonuses) must not exceed £1,000—the life fund in which the premiums are invested "rolls up" free of all taxes. Also, policyholders enjoy the normal life insurance income tax relief available on all qualifying policies.

Although the emphasis has switched from the original aim of family protection to investment, by continuing to limit the size of the policy under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts, the Government has prevented the adoption of such policies on a large scale by the tax-conscious rich.

The retention of another of the original safeguards is far more questionable. Friendly society policies may only be written for the benefit of certain other people, namely wives and children. But wives cannot take out a policy for the benefit of their husbands. Why not?

It is a piece of sex discrimination which has its origins in the nineteenth century. Beneficiaries from policies of this kind had to be financially dependent upon the policyholder and in Victorian England working wives, let alone women's libbers, had no place.

So, by oversight rather than deliberate discrimination, wives are effectively precluded from taking out an advantageous little savings scheme (the cash surrender value of such policies belongs to the policyholder, not the beneficiary) unless they have children for whom it can be written.

Representations have already been made to the Equal Opportunities Commission. The law should certainly be amended to make the provisions of friendly society legislation apply equally to both husband and wife.

Taxation: readers ask

Capital gains and the overseas investor

This round-up of readers' letters deals in the main with questions on capital gains tax.

Anyone who is resident, or "ordinarily resident", in the United Kingdom is liable to capital gains tax. The problem is finding out what constitutes residence or ordinary residence.

One reader asks: "How long have you got to live abroad to be able to sell shares without being caught for capital gains and does a short visit to this country invalidate the whole thing? The reason for my query is that my daughter is married to an army officer and they were sent to Hongkong on January 22, 1978, and do not expect to return until May, 1979.

"My daughter holds shares in several companies, which shows very large capital gains, and she would very much like to sell and reinvest, so long as she is not caught for these capital gains."

Another reader makes a similar inquiry and adds: "I called at the local tax office to find out about ordinary residence, but they had absolutely no idea, nor any printed material."

I can understand the tax office ducking the issue because there is no straightforward reply. However, it would have been helpful to refer the inquirer to pamphlet No1 IR 20 *Residents and Non-Residents Liability to Tax in the United Kingdom*, which is published by the Inland Revenue and is available free of charge.

What makes an explanation difficult is that the terms "resident" and "ordinarily resident" are not defined in the taxing Acts and one has to look to court cases for guidance. All I have space to do here is to give broad guidelines based on those printed by the Inland Revenue.

So far as residence is concerned an employee becomes non-resident when absent from the United Kingdom for a full income tax year, so the daughter and son-in-law referred to in the above letter would certainly be non-resident.

Ordinary residence is not quite so straightforward. As the Inland Revenue pamphlet explains, "ordinarily resident" is broadly equivalent to habitually resident; if a person is resident in the United Kingdom year after year, he is ordinarily resident here.

It follows that a person may be resident, but not ordinarily resident, in the United Kingdom for a given tax year. However, the more helpful paragraph in the pamphlet is as follows:

"If a person goes abroad for full-time service under a contract of employment and (a) all the duties of his employment are performed abroad or any duties he performs here are incidental to his duties abroad and (b) his absence from the United Kingdom in this employment is for a period which includes a complete tax year; and (c) interim visits to the United Kingdom do not amount to six months or more in any one year or three months or more on average, then he is normally regarded as not resident and not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom from the day following the date of his departure until the day preceding the date of his return. On his return he is regarded as a new permanent resident."

Useful though this guide is, it has to be borne in mind that there is nothing "statutory" about it and the tax office will look at the facts of each individual case.

● A reader refers to my article a few weeks ago in which I outlined the new capital gains exemptions and reliefs, operative from 1977-78. He says: "I have been assessed on capital gains incurred during the year ended April 5, 1978, at a full 30 per cent without the benefit of the new rules. Is this wrong?"

The assessment must have been raised before the Finance Act, 1978 became law in which case the tax would have been payable for the time being. However, the reader can now make a claim for repayment.

Incidentally, after that article I also received letters complaining about the heavy incidence of tax on gains between £5,000 and £9,500. Readers may remember that the first £1,000 is exempt, the next £4,000 is taxed at 15 per cent and the excess over £5,000 is taxed at 50 per cent.

The complaint is that once the gain reaches £9,500 the effective rate of tax is 30 per cent on the *whole* gain, without any exemption for the first £1,000.

This is exactly what the legislators intended. Only those making modest gains in the tax year suffer a rate at less than 30 per cent or no rate at all on gains up to £1,000. Once gains reach £9,500 any benefit from the exemption is lost and the whole of the gain is liable at 30 per cent.

● One of my recent articles outlined the new rules for getting relief under capital gains tax for losses made on loans of money to business people. The relief also extends to guarantees and a reader asks: "Does this cover the situation where my property is charged as security for a relative's loan and the loan becomes irrecoverable?"

Yes, it should do. My understanding is that the word "guarantee" will cover the case of property being charged as security for the loan. However, the other requirements of the Act must be observed. For example the lender and borrower must not be married to each other when the loan was made or at any subsequent time. Nor must the claimant (the person giving the security) and the borrower be husband and wife.

● Finally, a question concerning changing the wishes of a testator. "My wife and I are about 80 years of age and have about equal shares in the total estate (say £60,000). Each of us has made a will leaving the survivor as sole beneficiary. We have no children living but there are three adult granddaughters. The question is, could they with the survivor, by mutual agreement, alter the terms of the will?"

The answer is yes. The alteration, by an instrument in writing, would be effective under section 52 of the Finance Act 1978 provided it is made within the two year limit and is not made "for any consideration in money or money's worth."

Vera Di Palma

Insurance

How much would it cost to rebuild?

	Pre 1920 Medium	1920-1945 Medium	1945- Mec
DETACHED HOUSE	£/sq ft	£/sq ft	£/
Region 1	29.00	27.00	2
2	26.00	24.00	2
3	24.50	22.50	1
4	23.50	21.50	1
Typical area sq ft	1668	1362	1
SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE	£/sq ft	£/sq ft	£/
Region 1	26.50	27.50	2
2	24.00	25.00	1
3	22.50	23.50	1
4	21.50	22.50	1
Typical area sq ft	1647	1125	1
DETACHED BUNGALOW	£/sq ft	£/sq ft	£/
Region 1	*	28.00	2
2	*	25.00	2
3	*	23.50	2
4	*	22.50	1
Typical area sq ft	*	1389	1
TERRACED HOUSE	£/sq ft	£/sq ft	£/
Region 1	28.00	28.00	2
2	25.50	25.00	1
3	24.00	23.50	1
4	23.00	22.50	1
Typical area sq ft	1324	1023	1

Regions
1. London 20 miles radius.
2. South East England and Scotland
   The whole of Scotland together with the following counti Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, E Kent East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshi
3. Wales, North West, Yorkshire and Humberside
   The whole of Wales and the following areas:—Lancashire, Me side, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, North Yorkshire, West shire, South Yorkshire, Humberside.
4. Northern, East Anglia, South West, West Midlands, East Mid and Northern Ireland
   All other counties.

* Few bungalows were built before 1920 and the survey did t fore not cover such properties.

A question of bricks and mortar

Insurance companies are still thinking of increasing the rate of premium (now about 12½p per £100 insured) which they charge for the building of private houses. For the time being, however, they are concentrating on trying to get house owners to insure for a sufficiently high figure—which, of course, has the practical effect of increasing the cost of premiums.

Although insurers have plenty of critics, they are saying that the market value of a house is immaterial to them; it is the cost of *rebuilding* which matters. In many parts of the country, a house (including the site) can still be bought for less than the cost of rebuilding it.

Building societies have in some cases been tackling the problem of under-insurance more enthusiastically than many owners who are free of mortgages. For instance, it has been customary for a building society's surveyor, besides giving a value for mortgage purposes, to quote the value for which the house should be insured.

Many owners whose houses are not mortgaged have not wanted to spend money on a professional valuation and have just guessed.

Most of us have a fairly good idea of how much our houses would fetch if put up for sale; few of us know how much rebuilding would cost. Until recently, most insurers were not particularly helpful. Often a rather vague average figure per square foot has been quoted, which has not taken into account the type of house, its age or the significant regional variations in cost.

Not before time, the companies' trade body, the British Insurance Association, commissioned the Building Cost Information Service of The Royal Istitute of Chartered Surveyors to help. The outcome is a 40-page guide, costing £2 from the BCIS, and a free leaflet obtainable from many insurers, or direct from The British Insurance Association (Aldermary House, Queen Street, London EC4P 4JD).

Obviously, the guide cannot be all-embracing. It refers only to houses built mainly of brick and excluding, therefore, stone or timber-frame houses.

There are three age bands. The pre-1920 age group is intended to cover Edwardian and Victorian houses but not Georgian houses. "Between the wars" houses are covered by the 1920-1945 band and the post-1945 prices are based on specifications for modern houses, rather than those built immediately after the war.

The guide caters for three different sizes and, although costs were calculated for 1: ferent regions, it was pos to band some together, redu the number to four.

The full guides gives p for three qualities of finish fittings, but only an "aver quality is quoted in the leaflet, with the proviso th the quality of a house is h than average—with, for e ple, luxury kitchen and san fittings, floor and wall fin and double glazing—the figure would need to b creased by up to 25 per ce

The need for this annou detail can be judged from fact that the price per s foot ranges from £29 for a 1920 medium-sized det house within 20 miles of tral London, and £29.50 large bungalow built bet the wars in the same are £16 for a large modern ter house in the North of Eng East Anglia, the South-west West Midlands, the East lands or Northern Ireland.

To obtain the right valu one's house is not simply a tion of measuring up the h picking the right figure multiplying. The costs been calculated for two-st houses and it is suggested t third storey can be added per cent of the quoted cos its area.

Integral garages are incl in the figures, but not sep garages, special architec features, swimming pools, w fences or drainage. They to be assessed separately added to the figure based floor area.

For keeping sums insure to date some building soci are using the *Building* Hou Cost Index and when the i ance is not arranged throu building society an insur company will usually want insured value to be linke this index.

The index is not ideal, b is better than nothing, an company usually gives the crease in value during course of the policy year of charge, simply calculating premium at each renewal the index-linked value at time.

For those who object to ing premium on the full reb ing cost (especially as on tiny percentage of claims for total loss), insurers t out that householders us do not want to move to ano house after serious damage in many cases, the owner of freehold or leasehold of a h can be compelled to rebu and thus needs adequate c

Certainly, at £1.25 per £1 it is not really expensive f sure for an extra £5,000, £1 or whatever for peace of

John Drummo

Small is beautiful with property investment

Large office blocks may look impressive, but in terms of yields and marketability small, high quality, retail outlets have important advantages. Such properties are more readily saleable and the values tend to be less volatile.

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Pensions

Trying to keep up with the rule book

The descriptive booklet issued to members of an occupational pension scheme covers a wide range of subjects. Even so, it does not set out in detail all the conditions of the scheme.

In principle, the booklet is intended to give members sufficient information to enable them to calculate the benefits to which they and their dependants are entitled.

It also sets out the conditions under which benefits are payable and circumstances which affect them. And, of course, it describes the contributions to be paid by the member.

In other words, it explains the effect of the scheme on the financial position of the member and his dependants. Some matters which are not thought to be of wide interest may be mentioned only briefly: other subjects, particularly those affecting the administration of the scheme rather than the members' benefits, may not find a place at all.

There will be a formal legal document in which all these matters will be set out, as well as a more precise—albeit less readable—statement of the matters covered in the booklet.

An occupational pension scheme is in the form of a trust fund, set up by a trust deed (or a declaration of trust which has the same effect), and providing the members with the protection afforded by trust law.

There will be trustees, who have certain statutory responsibilities, in addition to those imposed by the trust deed: and the funds will be held apart from the assets of the employer.

If you belong to a pension scheme, you should be interested in the way the arrangements are set up because it is your money which is in question—the income which will enable you to live in comfort when you retire or will look after your family if you die.

You will normally find a reference in your booklet to the formal documents governing the scheme, probably with some indication where you can inspect them if you wish to do so. You will probably find them pretty heavy reading, because they will be written in legal language rather than plain English.

What is more, just at the present time you may very well find that the formal documentation is out of date or incomplete. The normal procedure when a scheme is set up is to execute a brief deed merely establishing the trust, appointing trustees, and laying down the basic principles of operation.

At a later date, a more comprehensive deed is completed, with the full rules of the scheme appended, setting out all the details. But before this stage, it is usual to agree with the Inland Revenue the precise wording to be used, so as to avoid any necessity for subsequent changes.

In the meantime, until this final stage is completed, the scheme will normally be operated in accordance with the draft which is under discussion among the company, its legal advisers, its pension manager or consultants and the Inland Revenue and Occupational Pensions Board—and possibly also trade unions or other representatives of the members. No wonder that it takes so long to reach agreement in most cases!

It usually takes so long that the (non-existent) rules are changed before they are adopted. This situation poses problems for everyone, including the member who is trying to find out more details than are in the booklet.

In most circumstances there will be no change to the existing outline formal documents; the alterations will be notified to the members in whatever detail is thought to interest them, and if they are extensive enough to justify it, the booklet may be reprinted.

Exceptionally, some changes may have to be documented formally. The changes early this year in schemes wishing to contract out of the new state earnings-related pension scheme were an example.

In this case, there will be an amending deed to cover the essential minimum, leaving any further detail for the rules later.

This situation poses a problem about rules already under discussion. If they are at a relatively early stage, there will be no difficulty in amending them—other than finding a place in the queue at the lawyers and consultants.

If the draft has reached the Inland Revenue, it will cause a lot of delay to make amendments of substance, because the official dealing with the case will put it back at the bottom of his outstanding work-pile.

As a result, the original rules may continue under discussions and eventually come into formal effect: amendments would be prepared as soon as the original rules were agreed.

Where does this leave you, if you are trying to look up some point of detail? Not, I fear, in a very happy situation. You are likely to find that the rules are out of date or do not exist at all. Even if you find formal rules or if you look at a draft of proposed rules or proposed amendments, you may still find they fail to take account of some alterations made subsequently.

You will then have to take account of any announcements about changes. There may well be no further details on these to be found anywhere—indeed, in some cases there may be points of details which have not yet been considered.

In normal circumstances problems of this sort should be short-lived—although obviously there is some delay before alterations can be incorporated in legal documents.

The present situation arises from the deluge of legislation in recent years and the consequent overburdening, in particular, of solicitors and the Inland Revenue.

The problems will not disappear until schemes generally have cleared the arrears of documentary work: and this will not be achieved until there is a period of stability in the law relating to occupational pension schemes.

Eric Brunet

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Down slid the number of jobless and up went the number of vacant jobs in November. The unemployed are now only 5.5 per cent of the total workforce. November did indeed see the biggest fall in jobless in that month since the end of the Second World War.

Again, manufacturing industry's spending on capital equipment in recent months has been much higher than a year ago. Department of Industry figures also showed that industry's stocks of raw materials, work in progress and finished goods rose again between June and September.

For good measure, the CBI recently estimated that private manufacturing investment, excluding iron and steel, would rise by 5 to 10 per cent next year.

However, the company profits to sustain this expansion, inactivity and assets are simply not coming through. The week began with Wedgwood, of the famous name, reporting a small retreat in first half profits; it went on with Courtaulds revealing unchanged half-time profits; it continued with House of Fraser all but grinding to a halt between August and October; and wound up suitably with ICI checking in with a £22m fall in profits in the third quarter.

To be sure, there is nearly always one good apple among the maggots and good old Tesco hoisted half-time profits by one third. But what Tesco made others in a bitterly competitive market assuredly lost. By some time next year industrial activity will actually start to fall. The Government money squeeze will see to that. Then the pressure on company cash resources will be at its keenest.

If past precedent is still anything to go by, confident buying of ordinary shares will not begin until activity is clearly easing, so that the calls on companies' money will abate as well. But be of cheer: two-month local authority bonds are now returning 12¼ per cent.

Peter Wainwright

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
Rises				
938p	720p	BP	34p to 938p	Quarterly figs Thurs
128p	97p	Parker Timber	8p to 128p	Speculative buying
89p	31½p	Sabah Timber	28p to 89p	Harrison & Cros bid
350p	175p	Sotheby PB	21p to 350p	Results soon
77p	26p	United Engineering	11p to 77p	Acquisition
Falls				
280p	170p	Bernard Sunley	4p to 248p	No property hive off
177p	120p	House of Fraser	11p to 135p	Poor quarterly
575p	325p	Harrison & Cros	50p to 450p	Two bids going
26p	12p	FPA Construction	4p to 12p	Int loss
270p	148p	Tronoh	10p to 190p	Tin price down

Stock markets

Account closes on firm note

In spite of all the rigours and worries suffered by the Stock Market in the last fortnight, the account actually finished on a firm note yesterday.

Rustenburg's $20 increase in the producer price of platinum to $300 an ounce came too late to shift the shares. They held steady at 88p. But this demonstration of confidence in the face of a falling free market price, and the expectation of record sales next year, should eventually show through in the share price. The next dividend should be much fatter than this month's 8 cents, too.

No-one was more surprised than market men themselves, who had expected the market to follow Thursday's general trend and end the week quietly.

Nevertheless, the market did open on a firm note and in the absence of any selling, and helped by a certain amount of bear closing, it tended to become stronger. The index was 0.1 up at 10 am and by midday had reached its high point of the session with a rise of 4.4 to 480.4.

In the giltedged market the two new "tap" stocks started dealings with the Exchequer 12½ per cent 1985 opening at £97¼ and, in its partly paid form, the Treasury 12¼ per cent 2003/05 opened at £15. They finished unchanged on the day.

This was much in line with the rest of the gilt market. At the short end, after starting at overnight levels prices improved by an ¼, only to be brought all the way back again by news of a rise of ¼ per cent in US prime rates. In the end they finished the day with losses of about ¼.

Long dated gilts behaved in a similar fashion. After moving ahead during the morning, prices fell back during the afternoon to end the day little changed.

By the close the *FT* Index had drifted slightly off the top to finish 3.9 up at 479.9. A rise on the account of 7.1.

Industrial leaders edged higher with ICI managing to recoup all the losses sustained after Thursday's figures, rising 6p to 364p. Beecham continued its upward trend gaining 10p to 620p, while Unilever put on 6p to 544p. Courtaulds also continued to gain ground following interim figures earlier this week, rising a further 2p to 121p.

Others to show gains were Glaxo, 2p better at 535p, Fisons, 5p up at 310p, and Hawker Siddeley, 4p higher at 224p. GEC firmed 1p to 317p, while John Brown and BATs gained 2p each to 388p and 277p.

Among companies announcing results, Robertson Foods disappointed, reporting profits 20 per cent lower. The shares tumbled 7p to 142p. Tunnel Holdings, figures were better received, however, and the shares moved ahead 6p to 276p. Redland also picked up following an interim statement and the shares firmed 1p to 156p.

WGI came steaming in with more than doubled interim profits and the shares duly jumped 9p to 130p. In the meantime, Rediffusion gained 1p to 94p, also on interim figures.

Favourable comment and the general market trend also give a further boost to Metal Box, the shares moving up 8p to 328p.

Whitecroft, mentioned here yesterday, gained 3p to 106p, but adverse press comment resulted in initial losses for Norton Wright. However, the shares managed to finish the day all square at 142p.

Banks still look in many one of the most promising equity sectors. Dear money does them nothing but good and loan demand is holding up. Some say that National Westminster is the pick at present with profits possibly growing by 11 per cent this year. The shares rose 2p to 267p yesterday.

Racal proved an exciting market ahead of next week's figures, the shares jumping 6p to 326p, while speculative buying pushed up Brooke Tool 4p to 50p.

United Engineering's acquisition of Link Systems had a beneficial effect and the shares leapt 13p to 77p.

Sotheby's continue to gain ground, ahead of next month's figures and rumours of a possible oshare split, rising 8p to 350p. Christie's rose in sympathy, moving up 4p to 135p.

Equity turnover on November 24 was £73.960m (15,937 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Beecham, ICI, BP, Shell, Grand Metropolitan Hotels, Courtaulds, Distillers, Racal Electronic and Robertson Foods.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Dividend pence	Pay date	Year's total
Arthur Holden (I)	8.6(7.9)	1.03(0.98)	7.1(7.73)	1.5(1.0)	8/1	—(3.25)
Armour Tst (F)	6.9(5.6)	0.25(0.17a)	2.1(1.5a)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Caird (Dundee) (I)	—(—)	0.05(0.4a)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Fitzroy Inv (F)	1.78(1.88)	0.24a(0.002)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hongkong Tin (F)	2.01(0.45)	0.3(0.02a)	51.4(3.97a)	12.5(Nil)	—	12.5(Nil)
FPA (I)	10.25(11.7)	0.85a(0.19)	—(—)	Nil(0.5)	—	—(0.5)
Irish Oil (I)	8.45(8.75)	0.32(0.16a)	4.4(—)	1.5(Nil)	15 12	—(1.25)
Lamont Hldgs (I)	1.23(1.18)	0.008(0.003)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.3)
Marzim's (I)	1.02(1.03)	0.014(0.06)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Oceana Holdings (F)	0.89(0.93)	0.14a(0.22a)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Raglan (F)	—(—)	0.94a(1.4a)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Rediffusion (I)	84.5(67.7)	8.08(7.28)	—(—)	0.87(0.87)	3/1	—(4.78)
Robertson Foods (I)	37.4(33.4)	0.76(0.97)	6.32(7.95)	1.37(1.37)	8/1	—(5.72)
Rivington Reed (I)	10.8(4.8)	0.2(0.3)	—(—)	1.6(1.45)	26/1	—(4.42)
J. E. Sanger (B)	102.8(65.1)	0.57a(1.13)	—(—)	0.1(—)	—	0.1(—)
WGI (I)	18.6(12.9)	0.97(0.49)	—(—)	2.5(2.0)	26/1	—(5.8)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News they are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss. B 15 months (against 12).

Price war and margins take toll of Robertson

By Alison Mitchell

The shares of Robertson Foods took a beating in the stock market yesterday, falling 10p to 140p at one stage following an unexpected downturn.

Hit by the high street price war, soaring interest rates and a downturn in jam sales, pre-tax profits fell 20 per cent to £768,000 in the six months to September 30 last on turnover 12 per cent higher at £37.4m.

Although the directors confirm that full year profits will be down on last time's bumper £2.7m they remain confident in the longer term earnings of the group and underline this optimism by maintaining the interim dividend at 2.047p gross.

Mr Christopher Robertson, chairman, comments that food consumption, and consequently group sales, in the United Kingdom have generally declined though breakfast cereals—and Robertson makes all the own brand cornflakes in the United Kingdom—and fruit juices, have improved their performance.

Interest rates could cut into second half profits as the group is holding substantial stocks of preserves in the United Kingdom and canned foods at the Peny subsidiary in Northern France.

The downturn in profits has again fuelled speculation of an imminent bid and the boardroom row earlier this year, which resulted in executive vice chairman Mr Neil Robertson being ousted from the board has left some market men with the feeling that the family, which has a controlling interest in the group, may not be able to close ranks against a predator.

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I'm afraid". Mr Adcock moved his head diagonally, as if not knowing whether to nod it or shake it.

So off we started—a bit stickily at first. For one thing, he did not much like the fact that I had used not only the backs but also the fronts of envelopes for my records. But at least, after covering a particularly gruelling bit of ground, he commented that his predecessor had recorded in my file the perceptive judgment, "Mr Kinsman is no bookkeeper, but is basically helpful and cooperative".

To cheer him up I gave him hot sausage rolls, salad and cider for lunch, followed by yogurt. I though this was the kind of menu—simple but wholesome—that might enhance my image in some way. He seemed happy and appreciative and things rather melted after that.

He confided to me that outside in his car was a spaniel called Poggles, who had to go with him wherever he went, like Mary's little lamb. This was because, having moved house recently, Poggles was upset and depressed when left behind at his new home and Poggles upset and depressed the neighbours by howling all day in consequence.

I was endeared to Mr Adcock—you cannot help liking a man who has a banshee spaniel called Poggles.

The chemistry started to work. We positively galloped over the last furlong of paper, agreeing everything recklessly, with Mr Adcock's digital calculating machine winking like a firefly in the dusk. In the end, after about 17 cups of coffee each, we had finished.

Although as a self-employed consultant, my income had gone up and down during the period like a yoyo, it turned out that on average the VAT people had assessed me more or less correctly. Over a year and a half I had underpaid by £25.

But the good news was that on one occasion about nine months previously I had been panicked by getting not only a brown form but also a red one threatening transportation and flogging and had paid twice for the same quarter by mistake. This meant that I was not only £25 to the bad but £300 in credit according to the computer and as miraculously verified by my chequebook stubs. The grand total by which I had overpaid thus amounted to a tidy £275.

Mr Adcock cleared his throat. "Now, I'm going to have to write you a rude letter saying that your really must keep your vouchers properly and especially that you must make your returns on time. On the other hand I will not be able this being an official letter, to thank you for your hospitality and so forth, so I'll do that now."

"I'm awfully sorry", I replied, "I'm afraid I've given you a lot of trouble. My accounts are probably the worst kept you have ever seen in your life".

Tactless of him, I thought, because instead of demurring gently he just laughed. Half way between a laugh and a snort, it was really.

"The trouble is", I rabbited on, "when one is working freelance, every day lost in administration just seems like money down the drain, so one never gets around to it."

"Well, I don't call £275 bad for a day's work", observed Mr Adcock. "Now I must take Poggles for a walk."

Francis Kinsman



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Development of substantial fee income for Raglan Property to be a 'long haul'

By Ray Maughan

A carried-forward deficit at Raglan Property Trust of £22.17m against £18.74m at March 31 last makes depressing reading but, after the July reconstruction whereby two subsidiaries absorbed almost all assets and liabilities, shareholders can comfort themselves that losses of such magnitude are largely academic.

Of course, Raglan has a commitment to repay its creditors from property realizations within four years but the parent retains assets of £358,000 which are worth 0.68p per share. Interest now centres on the extent to which Raglan can cut overheads—which the major creditors have agreed to meet in lieu of management charges—while boosting fee income from retained and new interests.

Overheads have now probably reached a minimum after a 60 per cent drop on the pre-reconstruction level of outgoings but the development of substantial fee income will be, as chairman Mr David Anderson admits, "a long haul".

The stake in the Bournemouth & Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company and certain properties at Petersfield, currently charged to Legal & General Assurance, have been retained. The Petersfield block of flats and offices may be described as a secondary site by location and covenant.

The 40 per cent holding in Lembina Properties has also been retained. Lembina owns a site with detailed planning permission on Cromwell Road, SW7, where a scheme comprising 97,000 sq ft of flats and a similar area of offices is projected. "There are a lot of problems to sort out, not least access", the chairman warns, and, in any event, all proceeds are due to First National Finance Corporation.

WGI doubles to near £1m and hints at dividend boost

By Our Financial Staff

WGI, the Cheshire-based civil and process engineering group, almost doubled its pre-tax profits to £972,385 in the half-year to September 30. Turnover during the period *rose 44 per cent to £18.7m.*

The group revealed yesterday that it intends to boost total dividend payments by a fifth this year in connexion with takeover developments.

WGI has bought from the Bison Group its subsidiary, Dowsett Piling and Foundations, in a cash and share deal worth £1.35m. WGI has received Treasury permission to lift the interim payment from 2.95p to 3.73p gross and a similar increase in the final will lift the total to 10.45p gross.

In the year to March 31, Dowsett Piling made pre-tax profits of £216,000.

The takeover consideration is to be satisfied by the payment of £541,018 in cash and the issue to Bison of 700,000 WGI shares which have already been placed with institutions.

WGI's board said yesterday that barring incidents outside their control they were confident that the first-half progress should continue.

Rediffusion recovery continues

By Richard Allen

Rediffusion has continued to recover from last year's slight interim setback with a pre-tax *profits rise of 11 per cent to* £8.1m in the six months to September 30.

Reflecting higher consumer spending, turnover improved by a quarter to £85m, but the group's own trading profits rose less than 7 per cent to £6.6m, and once again it was left to the associates to make much of the running.

The associate contribution actually rose 30 per cent to £1.5m, a result which owes a lot to burgeoning advertising revenues and profits at Thames Television and the group's Australian offshoot.

Rediffusion has a 37½ per cent stake in Rediffusion TV, which in turn has 50 per cent control of Thames.

Rediffusion's mainstream results continue to be held back by heavy losses overseas, particularly in Hongkong. There despite a considerable improvement in audience figures the group has not yet been able to recover costs from fairly buoyant advertising revenue.

The position could recover significantly, however, as a result of the withdrawal three months ago of the colony's third largest station, which should reduce competition against Rediffusion in second position.

The main interest in Rediffusion continues to centre on the prospects for rental, particularly in view of current video developments, and the current machinations of the major producers. Although the group is 58 per cent owned by British Electric Traction a 9 per cent stake has been built up by Philips, which is the dominant force in European television production.

Observers feel that Philips is currently attempting to secure powerful rental links in the face of powerful Japanese competition when the video-boom eventually takes off.

Options

Another quiet day was reported on the traded options market yesterday with the close of the equity market account being given as the main reason. Contracts completed totalled 466 compared with 492 on Thursday.

ICI was an active stock after its recent third quarter report and accounted for 152 of the total amount of contracts. Courtaulds was also quite active as was BP ahead of next week.

Conventional options on the London market also proved a dull affair.

Doubles were a strong feature including Barker & Dobson, Pacific Copper, Avana, Capital & Counties, Selincourt and British Land.

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Henderson Far East	40.3	83.3
M & G Japan	39.3	64.2
Endeavour	38.2	59.5
Henderson European	32.2	31.1
S & P Japan Growth	26.4	50.9
GT International	25.2	—
Henderson Australian	25.2	−9.3
Allied Hambro Pacific	24.0	62.6
Gartmore Far Eastern	22.3	—
Henderson Internat	20.1	42.8
Unicorn Australia	19.8	2.4
M & G Far Eastern	18.5	54.5
Schroder Europe M	15.3	1.8
M & G Commodity	14.9	—
Mercury International	13.6	7.9
Arbuthnot Foreign	13.0	8.7
S & P European	11.9	19.6
Britannia Int Growth	10.4	24.7
Britannia Property	10.2	41.9
Bridge International	10.1	21.0
Midland Drayton Com	9.9	38.4
Target Investment	9.7	25.6
Allied Hambro O'seas	9.4	—
James Finlay Euro	9.2	7.2
Britannia Far East	9.2	9.4
S & P Commodity	9.1	25.7
M & G Australasian	8.8	−3.1
NPI Overseas	8.8	19.2
Henderson Financial	8.7	4.8
Arbuthnot Com Share	8.5	67.9
Britannia Com Shares	8.3	46.4
Crescent Inter	8.0	37.6
Lawson Raw Materials	8.0	—
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S & P Energy	−1.2	32.2
Unicorn Worldwide	−1.4	7.6
Target Financial	−1.8	16.4
Key Energy	−2.1	47.0
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All Hambro Sec of A	−2.3	16.5
James Finlay Inter	−2.7	8.9
Hill Samuel Fin	−2.7	12.1
Arbuthnot Prefer	−3.0	33.3
Britannia New Issue	−3.1	41.6
M & G European	−3.3	−0.4
Britannia Minerals	−3.6	−34.4
Target Gilt Fund	−3.6	—
Henderson N Amer	−3.8	6.0
Hill Samuel Int	−4.0	16.0
Britannia Uni En	−4.1	—
Arbuthnot Capital	−4.7	3.4
Target Amer Eagle	−4.9	−1.2
Rowan American	−5.2	−4.2
Hill Samuel Dollar	−5.6	21.5
Arbuthnot N A Int	−5.7	−4.0
Chieftain Internat	−5.8	—
Arbuthnot Fin & P	−5.8	11.6
Schlesinger A Gr	−5.9	−4.1
Target Preference	−6.3	44.0
Schlesinger Nil Yld	−6.4	3.0
Gt Winch Over M	−7.5	9.0
Bishopsgate Int F	−7.6	43.1
Stewart American	−7.8	21.8
Unicorn America	−7.9	−5.8
S & P US Growth	−8.4	−1.3
Ridgefield Internat	−8.6	—
Gartmore American	−9.3	—
Midland Dray Int	−10.8	−1.6
Chieftain American	−11.4	—

A: Change since November 24, 1977, offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since November 20, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested. Both taken to November 23, 1978.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Rivington Reed in cash call

Rivington Reed, the carpet manufacturer run by Mr G. Ferguson Lacey and Mr R. McBride, is asking shareholders for £1.5m by way of a preference rights issue.

The terms of the deal are one new 9½ per cent convertible cum : redeemable preference share at par for every four ordinary shares held. The new shares will be convertible into ordinary shares between 1980 and 1988 at 70p.

Alongside the rights issue the directors announce a down turn in interim profits from £309,000 to £207,000 on sales up from £4.9m to £10.8m in the six months to September 23.

The directors warn shareholders that full year figures will also disappoint but forecast that profits will touch a more acceptable level during the following 12 months. As such, the interim dividend has been raised by 10 per cent and, barring accidents, the final payout should be stepped up by the same amount.

Further loss from Anglo-Swiss

Anglo-Swiss Holdings has made a further loss of £87,000 in the six months to the end of June compared with a loss of £70,000 in the first half of the previous year.

Mr T. J. Keane, the chairman, said yesterday that the improvement of the screw company, whiih had been quite dramatic in the first three months of 1978, did not continue.

As a result "fundamental" changes are to be made. A reshaping of the screw company will be implemented during the next few weeks, which will involve cutting out unprofitable areas. There will be a major reduction in the workforce.

Armour Trust now back in black

Armour Trust has made its first annual profit since 1973. In the year to the end of last April, pre-tax profits were £252,000 against a previous year loss of £176,000. However, "in order to conserve cash resources", there is no dividend payment for the fourth year running.

The company reported yesterday that the consolidated accounts are now no longer subject to a "going concern" qualification.

Caird (Dundee) back in profit

Caird (Dundee), the dyers and carpet printers, climbed back into profit in the first 28 weeks of its current year. A pretax surplus of just £50,968 for the period to October 14 compares with a loss of £432,876 in the comparable 26-week period

The board says that although losses continued in the first month of the current year each succeeding month has shown an increasing profit. However, it adds that it is still impossible to predict the outcome

Foreign Exchange

The dollar made late headway following the increase in United States bank prime rates including Citibank which hoisted their prime from 11 to 11½ per cent.

Earlier on, the United States currency had maintained a basically firm position helped by some commercial buying from the Continent. Sterling meanwhile, although able to recover from a 1.9370 low position still finished 65 points down at 1.9390, compared with 1.9455 overnight.

The pound's trade weighted index slipped back, but edged off the bottom at the final calculation of 62.3 compared with 62.5 on Thursday. The noon index was 62.2.

The dollar made a useful gain against the Deutschmark, despite another massive West German trade surplus closing at 1.9305 compared with 1.9190.

Gold dropped by $1 an ounce to $201.625 in London.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12½%
Barclays Bank	12½%
BCCI Bank	12½%
Consolidated Crdts	12½%
C. Hoare & Co	*12½%
Lloyds Bank	12½%
London Mercantile	12½%
Midland Bank	12½%
Nat Westminster	12½%
Rossminster	12½%
TSB	12½%
Williams and Glyn's	12½%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 10%, up to £25,000, 10½%, over £25,000, 10¾%.

Commodities

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon: Cash wire bars, £760.00-61.00 a metric ton; three months, £778.50-79.00. Sales: 6,925 tons (mainly carries), cash cathodes, £747.50-48.50; three months, £766.00-67.00. Morning: Cash wire bars, Settlement, £760.50. Sales: 4,900 (half carries). Cash cathodes, £749.00-50; three months, £767.00-50. Settlement, £749.50: Sales, 350.

SILVER barely steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 312.00p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 605.50); three months, 319.35 (616.80c); six months, 326.45p (626.90c); one year, 340.30p (647.20c).—London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, three months 310.1-10.6p. Sales, 137 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 311.5-6p; three months, 319.2-3p. Settlement, 311.6p. Sales, 119 lots.

TIN was steady. — Afternoon. — Standard cash, £7,360-70 a metric ton; three months £7,285-90. Sales 700 tons. High grade, cash £7,360-80 three months, £7,395-£7,305. Sales, idle nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,380-7,385; three months, £7,285-7,290. Settlement, £7,385. Sales, 755 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £7,385-7,400; three months, £7,290-7,300. Settlement, £7,400. Sales, idle nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works. $M1,858 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £409.80-11.00 per metric ton; three months £391.50-92.00. Sales, 1,900 tons (about half carries). Morning.—Cash £407.00-408.00; three months £390.50-391.00; Settlement £408.00. Sales, 3,800 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £363-54.5 a metric ton; three months £364.00-65.00. Sales, 1,900 tons mainly carries. Morning.—Cash, £351.00-351.50; three months, £363.00-363.50. Settlement: £351.50; Sales: 1,350 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £171.75 ($333.00) a troy ounce.

ALUMINIUM was idle.—Afternoon.—Three months, £606.00-08.00 a metric ton. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Three months, £608.00-609.00. Sales, 625 tons.

RUBBER was quietly steady (pence per kilo).—Dec, 61.80-62.00; Jan, 62.00-63.40; Jan-March, 62.70-62.90; April-June, 65.45-65.50; July-Sept, 67.75-67.85; Oct-Dec, 70.00-70.10; Jan-March, 72.25-72.50, April-June, 74.50-74.70; July-Sept, 76.85-77.00.

RUBBER PHYSICALS.—Spot, 61.50-62.00, Cifs, Dec, 61.00-61.25; Jan, 62.00-62.75.

COFFEE was steady.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Nov, 1,595.99 99-95 38; Jan, 1,479.80 85-65 922; March, 1,345.46 49-35 625; May, 1,285.87 90-75 181; July, 1,246.48 48-40 22; Sept, 1,212.25-10 only 17; Nov, 1,185-1,200. Sales: Nil lots including 12 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): Were unquoted.

COCOA was steady (£ per metric ton).—Dec, 2,120.0-27.0; March, 2,173.0-77.0; May, 2,203.0-04.0; July, 2,198.0-2,202.0; Sept, 2,180.0-85.0; Dec, 2,131.0-37.0; March, 2,110.5-23.0. Sales: Nil lots. ICCO prices: Not available due to yesterday's US holiday.

SUGAR—Slightly steadier in quiet conditions. "Raw" futures steadier slightly in afternoon trading to close £0.75 to £1.85 at £99 higher. Turnover was 2,039 lots. Dec, 108.25-108; March, 112.25-20; May, 114.80-70; Aug, 118.10-118; Oct, 120.95-90; Dec, 123.25-15; March, 127.45-126.75

WHITE SUGAR.—Feb, 109.75-10.00; April, 114.10-14.50; July, 116.50-17.50; Feb, 122.00-24.00; Nov, 125.00-29.00; Feb, 130.00-34.00; April, 133.00-38.00.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady (£ per metric ton).—Dec, 117.70-18.30; Feb, 121.70-24.80; April, 126.70-26.80; June, 124.50-26.00; Aug, 124.50-26.50; Oct, 122.00-26.00; Dec, 121.60-27.00.

WOOL was quiet. Australian—Dec, 230.0-37-37.0 33.0 only one rest Unhilo nils: March, 234.0-36.0; May, 238.0-40.0; July, 240.0-45.0; Oct, 240.0-43.0; Dec, 240.0-44.0; March, 242.0-46.0; May, 242.0-46.0. New Zealand Crossbreds—Dec, 179.0-84.0 Unhilo nil; March, 182.0-83.5 Unhilo nil, May, 184.0-87.0 85.0 only three rest Unhilo nils: July, 184.5-87.0; Oct, 190.0-95.0; Dec, 193.5-97.0; March, 194.0-98.0; May, 194.0-98.0.

GRAIN (The Baltic): WHEAT Canadian western red spring number one 13½ per cent, Nov-Dec 94.25; Tilbury US dark northern spring number two, 14 per cent Nov/89.00, Dec 89, Jan 90.00 east coast: US hard winter number two 13½ per cent: Jan 87.25 east coast.

MAIZE—No 3 yellow American French option Nov, 104.30, Dec 105 east coast; South African white No 4, Jan 67.50 UK; South African Yellow No 4, Jan, 67.50 UK.

BARLEY—English feed fob, unquoted.

JUTE MARKET was quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, 500; "D" grade, Nov-Dec, 490 US dollars per long ton.

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET (Gafta) EEC origin.—BARLEY was firm. Sept, £83.15; Jan, £81.25; March, £86.70; May, £89.15. Sales, 280 lots. WHEAT was firm. Sept, £89.25; Jan, £91.55; March, £93.95; May, £96.45. Sales, 195 lots.

December rainfall crucial to South Africa's maize crop

Abundant and extensive rainfall over South Africa's maize-producing areas during the next month is crucial to the 1979 crop, industry sources said in Johannesburg.

The 1978 crop was put by the Department of Agriculture at 9.93 million tonnes, against the previous year's 9.78 million, of which it is estimated 3.3 million against 2.5 million will be exported.

The sources said the eastern region, comprising the Eastern Transvaal, Eastern Free State and Natal areas, which traditionally accounts for about half the total crop, has completed 70 to 80 per cent of its planting programme.

They noted, however, the deadline for completion there is end-November which makes it imperative that good rains fall with in the next week or so to achieve this.

The western region made up of the Western Transvaal and Western Free State, which contributes the remainder of the crop, has until about end-December to achieve full planting.

However, this summer's drought in the western region has been more severe than in the eastern region, so that estimates of planting progress to date range between 20-25 per cent of that planned.

The sources rule out the possibility of any reliable crop assessment before late January or early February, which is when the Agriculture Department normally publishes its first seasonal crop estimate.

They said concern about the present crop is reflected to some extent by a sizeable increase in planned closing stocks, as a possible buffer.

If by about this time next month there has been no meaningful improvement in conditions, the Maize Board might consider a sharp curtailment in the monthly shipment rate which presently is roughly 18 white and yellow tender cargoes, the sources said.

In the event of sufficient rain relief, the board is expected to maintain the present tender system of twice weekly offerings, revised from once weekly earlier this season.—Reuter.

China fixes grain imports

China has informed the US it will import around 10 to 12 million tonnes of wheat and corn per year on a regular basis over the next several years, with five to six million tonnes of that amount coming from the US, Agriculture Department officials said in Washington.

They said that the Department Secretary, Mr Bob Bergland and Mr Dale Hathaway, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programmes, were informed of China's grain buying plans while visiting China earlier this month.

The officials said China did not give a breakdown for planned corn and wheat purchases and they added that no information was released on China's soyabean or cotton import plans.

Mr Bergland and Mr Hathaway were asked by Chinese officials not to divulge the grain import figures, the officials said.

But they said the Department of Agriculture is now willing to confirm the information after members of a Congressional delegation now in Peking released the grain import estimates.—Reuter.

CITY OFFICES

A British Land subsidiary has bought two further tranches of shares taking total holding up to 7.775m shares or 29 per cent.

HONGKONG TIN

Dividend of 12.5p (nil) for year to end-September last on profit of £306,000 against loss of £24,000. Earnings a share of 51.4p against loss of 3.97p.

OCEANA HOLDINGS

Pre-tax loss down from £215,000 to £136,000 for year to April 30 last on turnover of £893,000 (£934,000). Again no dividend.

FITZROY

Re-organization has led to "significant non recurring losses" with a result that there was a loss for the year to the end of September of £246,862 against a loss of £2,991 the previous year.

BASF doubts on 1978 outcome

It is doubtful whether BASF AG will match 1977's profit levels this year following the significant fall in earnings over the first nine months, its board chairman said.

He declined to give a dividend forecast for this year because of the strong impact foreign exchange movements could have on results in the last quarter.

BASF paid a 1977 dividend of DM6 on parent company pretax profits of DM677m.

The company is reckoning with a 13 per cent rise in group sales this year to around Dm21,400m while parent company turnover should be little changed from last year's Dm9,630m.

Foreign earnings this year have been dampened primarily by the appreciation of the mark and sustained competitive pressure, while the fall in domestic parent company sales has only partially been compensated by efforts on foreign markets.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Arncliffe Bldgs 10p Ord (42½)	43
Ashton Mining 60c (A$0.50)	66
Bristol Wtr 7½% Pf 1983 (‡a)	£10
Colne Valley Wtr 8% Pf (‡a)	£12
Croda Dfd Ord	31
Crosby Hse 10% Cnv 87-90 (Par‡)	£104
Ferranti 50p Ord (101)	363
Kitchen Queen 10p Ord (29)	29½
Laing Properties 25p Ord	114
Do A 25p Ord	114
Marlborough Prop 5p Ord	22
Rickmansworth Wtr 7% 85 (£97½a)	£9½
Rightwise 10p Ord	117
Do 10% Cnv (£100‡)	£126
Southwark 12½% 1987 (£99½a)	£46½
W. Kent Wtr 7½% Pf 1983 (£97½a)	£9½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Beecham Grp (560‡)		45 prem+5
Brown (J.) (350‡)	Dec 12	44 prem+4
Capper Neill (67‡)	Jan 1	6½ prem+1½
Newman Ind (75‡)	Jan 12	4 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £55 paid.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 24	Market rates (close) November 24
New York	$1.9360-1.9470	$1.9385-1.9395
Montreal	$2.2730-2.2885	$2.2820-2.2830
Amsterdam	4.05½-07½fl	4.06-07fl
Brussels	58.30-90f	58.60-70f
Copenhagen	10.31-36k	10.34½-35½k
Frankfurt	3.72-75½m	3.74-75m
Lisbon	90.70-91.40e	90.80-91.30e
Madrid	138.50-139.20p	138.60-70p
Milan	1645-1651lr	1645½-48½lr
Oslo	9.94-99k	9.94½-95½k
Paris	8.35-39f	8.37½-38½f
Stockholm	8.53-8.59k	8.55½-56½k
Tokyo	373-383y	378-380y
Vienna	27.25-45sch	27.32-37sch
Zurich	3.34-37f	3.35½-36½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was down 0.2 at 62.3.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.40-.30c prem	1.05-.95c prem
Montreal	.5-.45c prem	1.85-1.65c prem
Amsterdam	1½-½c prem	4½-3½c prem
Brussels	15-5c prem	50-35c prem
Copenhagen	1½-3½ore disc	4½-6½ore disc
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	50-110c disc	140-290c disc
Madrid	20c prem-60c disc	140-240c disc
Milan	2-5lr disc	10-13lr disc
Oslo	2ore prem-par	3½-1½ore prem
Paris	4½-3½c prem	10½-9½c prem
Stockholm	¾-1½ore prem	8½-6½ore prem
Vienna	18-8gro prem	53-43gro prem
Zurich	3½-2½c prem	11½-10½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8491-94.

Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 9½-9¾; seven days, 9½-10; one month, 10½-10½; three months, 11½-11¾; six months, 11⁹⁄₁₆-12⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $202.75 (an ounce); pm, $202.70.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $208½-210½ (£107½-109½); resident, $209½-211½ (£108-109).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $55½-55½ (£27½-29½); resident, $59½-61½ (£30½-31½).

Discount market

Day-to-day credit, though reckoned to be in surplus, again moved very unevenly in Lombard Street. But houses were able to rule off their books at the end of the session without assistance from the Bank of England.

Some quite sizable, and rather unexpected, calling at the outset by one or two of the clearers created a few problems, though houses attracted reasonable sums at times with bids of 11½ or 11¾ per cent.

Towards the finish, funds answered a little more readily to bids between 11¼ and 11¾ per cent. Banks' balances were right on target overnight, while a moderate take-up of Treasury Bills and a sizable rise in the note circulation ahead of the weekend were just about outweighed by a fairly large excess of government disbursements (chiefly in the form of a housing grant) over revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12½%
(Last changed 9/11/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Weekend High 11¾ Low 11½
Week Fixed: 11¾-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)			
Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅝	2 months	11½
3 months	11⅝	3 months	11½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	12-11⅞	3 months	12¾
3 months	11⅞-11¾	4 months	12¾
4 months	11¾-11⅝	6 months	13
6 months	11⅝-11½		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	12½-12	7 months	12¼-11¾
2 months	12½-12	8 months	12¼-11¾
3 months	12½-12	9 months	11⅞-11⅝
4 months	12½-12	10 months	11⅞-11⅝
5 months	12¼-12	11 months	11¾-11½
6 months	12¼-11⅞	12 months	11¾-11½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)			
1 month	12¼-12⅛	6 months	11⅞-11¾
3 months	12¼-12	12 months	11⅝-11½

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	11½	3 months	12¼
7 days	11½-12	6 months	12
1 month	12	1 year	11¾

Interbank Market (%)			
Weekend: Open 11½-11¾		Close 10½	
1 week	12	6 months	12-11⅞
1 month	12¼	9 months	11⅞-11¾
3 months	12¼	12 months	11¾-11⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 12½ 6 months 12¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Treasury Bill Tender			
Applications	£1,178m	allotted	£400m
Bids at	£97.11	received	39%
Last week	£97.07½	received	31%
Average rate	11.5625%	Last week	11.7284%
Next week	£300m	replace	£400m

J E Sanger goes into loss

Only a nominal 0.1p a share net is being paid as the full dividend for the 15 months to the end of June by J. E. Sanger after the group recorded a pre-tax loss of $575,000 compared with a profit of £1.13m in the previous 12 months, when net dividends totalled 4.4p a share.

Reporting nine-month losses of £532,000 in March, Mr Jim Sanger, the chairman, said he anticipated a better performance in the following six months.

Yesterday he commented that meat trading operations had been profitable but losses had been suffered in the retail division and in America. Last month the retail operations were sold to Cartier Superfoods for £500,000 cash. The American operations have been rationalized.

A. HOLDEN & SONS

Interim dividend at net level has been increased by 50 per cent to the gross equivalent of 2.235p a share. Pre-tax profits rose to £1.031m from £978,000 in the six months to the end of September.

IRISH OIL & CAKE MILLS

Interim dividend has been restored with a 2.235p a share gross after turnround to profit of £325,000 in the first half to the end of September after a loss of £169,000 in the same period last year. Trading since September remains "satisfactory".

MAXIM'S

Pre-tax profits slumped to £14,598 from £63,225 on a hardly unchanged turnover reflecting the French political climate which overshadowed the first six months.

Briefly

STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS

Pre-tax profit for year to March 31 last down from £1.5m to £1.28m and earnings a share from 19.7p to 14.3p. Pre-tax profit stated after charging an exchange deficit of £41,000 against surplus of £65,000. Total dividend up from 2.57p to 2.87p.

HUMPHRIES HOLDINGS

On turnover of £5.43m (£5.3m) for half to September 30, pre-tax profit increased from £115,000 to £214,000 after interest payable down from £248,000 to £161,000.

R. A. DYSON & CO

Net loss before £144,000 (profit £79,000) on turnover down from £1.47m to £888,000. No interim dividend (0.79p). Substantial improvement in order book has now changed situation for the better.

JAMES BURROUGH

Burrough, distillers of Beefeater Gin and Borzoi Vodka, reports pre-tax profit of £1.79m against £1.69m on turnover up from £13.01m to £14.3m for half to August 31. Interim dividend 1.474p (1.32p): Price increase produced rise in orders, but raw material and production costs continue to rise.

LAMONT HOLDINGS

On turnover for half to June 30 of £1.24m (£1.18m), pre-tax profit £10,000 (£3,000). Net loss £17,00 (loss of £1,000). Interest charges absorbed bulk of half year's trading profit with office block development at Stenhouse remaining unlet. Engineering in South Africa "flourishing" in current year.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
79	29	Airsprung Ord	73	—	5.5	7.5	9.6
220	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	220	—	18.5	8.4	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	40	—	3.6	9.0	7.3
185	105	Bardon Hill	185	—	12.0	6.0	10.0
72	26	Deborah Ord	66	—	2.8	4.2	4.1
242	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	242	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	131	—	12.4	9.4	5.1
155	135	George Blair	155	—	15.0	9.6	5.8
60	36	Jackson Group	60	—	5.0	8.3	7.0
118	55	James Burrough	118	—	6.5	5.5	10.9
340	188	Robert Jenkins	300	—	29.7	9.9	4.9
25	9	Twinlock Ord	24	—	—	—	21.4
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	80	—	12.0	15.0	—
112	54	Unilock Holdings	112	—	7.4	6.6	12.0
135	67	Walter Alexander	135	—	7.2	5.3	8.3

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
37.3	24.2	Abbey Capital	33.8	36.0	4.39
50.4	35.7	Abbey General	45.1	48.0	4.93
44.3	29.8	Do Income	40.4	43.0	6.19
40.1	27.5	Do Invest	35.1	37.3	4.78
73.9	50.7	Equitas Prog	65.5	69.1	4.71
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* Ex dividend. * Not available to the public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Ex all. ¶ Dealings suspended.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Strong finish

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End, Dec 8. § Contango Day, Dec 11. Settlement Day, Dec 19

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
122	77	AAH	108	-1
45	25	AG Cars	43	..
123½	29¼	AGB Research	108	-1
257	124	APV Hldgs	208	+2
78¼	48¼	Aaronson Bros	66	..
138	62	Acrow	122	+2
111	52	Do A	88	..
310	140	Adwest Group	288	..
130	34	Aeron'l & Gen	96	..
62	42	Airfix Ind	49	..
166	138	Alcan Ind	158	..
96	49	Do 10½%	280	..
303	205	Alginate Ind	222	..
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	57	..
50¼	29	Allen W. G.	44	..
100¼	44¼	Allied Colloids	79	..
74	43	Allied Insulators	60	..
38	17	Allied Plant	29	..
140	34¼	Allied Retail	140	+2
79	19	Alpine Hldgs	78¼	+7½
358	210	Amal Metal	285	..
171	57¼	Amal Power	152	..
54	27	Amber Day	47	..
36	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	24	..
98	41	Anchor Chem	72	+1
71	29¼	Anderson Strath.	43	..
95	48¼	Anglia TV 'A'	84	..
640	380	Anglo-Amer Ind	520	..
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	30	..
105	49	Appleyard	84	..
51½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	27½	..
83	20	Arenson Hldgs	82	..
137	69¼	Arlington Mtr	116	..
77¼	36	Armitage Shanks	73½	+4½
73	34	Arnott Equip	64	..
94	56¼	Ass Biscuit	72	..
260	85	Ass Book	235	+2
78	45	Ass Brit Food	69	..
130	88½	Ass Comm 'A'	116	..
142	82	Ass Engineer	124	+1½
71	36	Ass Fisheries	41	..
76	29½	Ass Leisure	73½	+2
188	121	Ass News	183	..
68	20	Ass Paper	58	..
44	23	Ass Tooling	39	..
68	23	Astbury & Mdley	66	..
58	27	Atkins Bros	54	..
43	17	Audiotronic	18	..
45	22	Ault & Wiborg	39	..
101	56	Aurora Hldgs	86	..
130	30	Austin E.	115	..
90½	31	Automotive Pd	70	..
197	113	Averys	170	..
256	74	Avon Rubber	277	+2
347	236	B.A.T. Ind	277	..
304	208	Do Dfd	242	+8
48	39	BBA Grp	84	..
124	71	BET Dfd	119	+1
144	87	BICC	126	..
24	20	BL Ltd	20	..
82	61	BOC Int	68	+1½
278	111	BPB Ind	223	..
68	29	BPM Hldgs 'A'	60	..
45	27½	BSG Int	38	..
181	83	BSR Ltd	98	+2
384	142½	BTR Ltd	312	-1
161	70	Babcock & W	158	+5
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	31	..
9¼	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7¼	..
104	93	Baird W.	196	-2
123	66	Baker Perkins	119	+2
88	29½	Bambergers	74	..
174	24	Bambers Stores	148	+1
70	28¼	Banro Cons	57	..
18	3	Barker & Dixon	11	..
264	144	Barlow Rand	220	+2
174	38	Barr & Wallace	145	..
170	37	Do A	145	..
128	36¼	Barratt Devs	105	-3
54	28	Barrow Hepbn	38	+1
72	30¼	Barton & Sons	56	..
186	66	Bassett G.	213	..
99	79	Bath & P'land	85	..
95	34	Beales J.	78	-1
202	86	Beatson Clark	174	..
54	29¼	Beaufort Grp	35	..
84	48	Beckman A.	73	..
723	363	Beecham Grp	620	+10
83	39½	Bejam Grp	62	..
85	54	Bemrose Corp	77	..
89½	20	Benn Bros	64	..
211	121	Berec Grp	122	+4
167	74¼	Beresford S & W	156	..
79	31	Berisfords	66	..
175	123	Bestobell	144	..
80	28	Bett Bros	54	..
282	102	Bibby J.	278	..
56	29¼	Bifurcated Eng	52½	..
135	50	Birm'ham Mint	128	..
129	68	Black & Edg'tn	87	..
43	35¼	Blackwd Hodge	37	+2
39	15	Blackwood Mt	22	..
275	122	Blagden & N	238	..
302	253	Blue Circle Ind	266	..
87	39	Blundell Perm	86	..
20½	7½	Boardman K. O.	19½	..
86	33	Bodycote	80	..
300	126	Booker McCon	278	..
212	84	Boots & Hawkes	190	..
181	82	Boot H.	125	..
343	225	Boots	200	+2
97	45	Borthwick T.	68	+5
29¼	11¼	Boulton W.	26½	..
218	160	Bowater Corp	175	..
70	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	67	+1
89	61¼	Brabe Leslie	78	..
76	54	Brady Ind	92	+2
75	45	Do A	86	..
41	22½	Braham Millar	34	..
45	27	Braid Grp	38	..
179	67¼	Braithwaite	208	+4
118¼	29¼	Brammer H.	107	..
88	38	Bremner	47	..
218	70¼	Brent Chem Int	170	..
50	25	Brent Walker	49	..
54	25	Brickhouse Dud	48	..
173	75	Bridon	112	+1
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	34	..
51½	29	Brit Car Auctn	50	+1½
246	137	Brit Home Strs	198	+1
56	34	Brit Printing	48	..
104	49½	Brit Sim Spec	88	..
158	89½	Brit Sugar	158	..
50¼	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	58	..
60½	30½	Brit Tar Prod	48	+2
123	36¼	Brit Vita	118	..
30	17½	Britains	21	..
74	44	Brockhouse Ltd	66	+1½
86	41	Brooks Grp	72	..
565	385	Broken Hill	655	-10
86	35	Brook St Bur	77	..
54	38	Brooke Bond	47½	+½
50	17	Brooke Tool	50	+4
158	49	Brotherhood P.	102	..
260	28	Brown & J'ston	212	-2
143	74	Brown & Tawse	123	..
82	22	BRK	45	..
30	12	Brown Bros Cp	27	+½
464	183	Brown J.	388	+2
124	78	Bruntons	110	..
58	17	Bryant Hldgs	45	+1
176	81½	Bullough Ltd	149	..
70	28	Bulmer & Lumb	35	-1
110	87	Bunzl Pulp	90	..
81½	35	Burco Dean	70	..
85	22	Burgess Prod	50	..
221	64	Burmah H'shire	189	-2
221	68	Do A NV	180	-3
30½	8	Burns Andson	26	-½
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	9¼	..
186	130	Burt Boulton	175	..
193	51	Burton Grp	180	+2
184	39	Do A	188	+3
88	30	Butterfld-Harvy	71	..

C—E

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
35	14¼	CH Industrials	30	-1
41½	25½	Cadbury Sch	54	..
112	39¼	Caffyns	99	..
69	48	C'bread Robey	60	..
136	50	Campari Int	95	..
92	41	Camrex Hldgs	47	-1
74	38	Canning W.	64	..
126	97	Cape Ind	126	..
125	37	Caplan Profile	111	..
91¼	30¼	Capper Neill	74½	+½
85	33	Caravans Int	72	..
78	38	Carclo Eng	56	..
51	29	Carless Capel	35	+1
387	58	Carlton Ind	236	+6
76	39	Carpets Int	59	..
50	16½	Carr J. (Don)	46	..
43½	22½	Carr'ton Viy	34½	..
110	63¼	Carroll P. J.	98	..
38½	13½	Casket S Hldgs	36	..
27	7	Causton Sir J.	22	..
165	88	Cawoods	141	+2
38½	12	Celestion	28	-½
110	33¼	Cement Rdstone	93	+1
38½	12¼	Cen & Sheer	32	..
360	66¼	Centreway Ltd	280	..
46	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	64	..
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	44	..
25	10	Change Wares	14½	..
21¼	15	Do Cav Cum	13½	..
133	31	Chloride Grp	105	..
137	57	Chrysles Int	139	+4
55	27	Christy Bros	48	..
182	97	Chubb & Sons	136	+2
184	87	Church & Co	143	..
79	45	Coalite & Chem	69	..
73	38	Coates Bros	73	..
78	48	Do A	69	..
84	57	Coats Patons	80½	+½
125	48	Cole R. H.	102	..
101	33	Collett D'son	73	..
185	99	Collins W.	140	..
156	99	Do A	137	..
38	14	Combex Grp	31	..
135	60	Comb Eng Strs	108	+1
234	30	Comet Radiov'n	229	..
27¼	8½	Comfort Hotels	26	+½
114	64	CompAir	82	-1
74½	30	Compton Webb	54	..
27¼	10¼	Cook W.	23	..
77½	37	Cope Allman	65	..
18	9	Copson F.	16	..
43	18½	Corah	37	..
144	54¼	Coral Leisure	113	-1
81	22¼	Cosalt	56	..
258	88¼	Costain R.	249	+2
45	8	Countryside	43	+2
122	73	Courts (Furn)	104	+1
124	72	Do A NV	104	+1
135	96	Courtaulds	121	+3
72	30	Courtney Pope	69	..
76	28¼	Cowan de Groot	48	..
48	28	Cowie T.	43½	..
44	14	Crellon Hldgs	34	..
36½	18	Do 10% Conv	18½	..
66	28	Crest Nicholson	62	..
48½	30¼	Croda Int	60½	..
48	22	Cropper J.	36	..
127	48	Crouch D.	100	..
29½	26	Crouch Grp	48	-1
62	37¼	Crown House	49	-½
185	80	Crus'ns Ra Cv	282¼	..
280	69½	Dale Electric	232	..
24¼	14	Dana Corp	£15¼	..
141	70¼	Davies & New	141	+2
101½	28	Davis G.	66	..
154	75	Davy Corp	149	+4
700	260	De Beers Ind	619	..
40	21	Deanson Hldgs	40	..
118	64¼	Debenhams	95	+2
400	120¼	De La Rue	373	..
580	233	Decca	439	..
550	230	Do A	425	+5
81½	49	Delta Metal	70	..
108	66	Dewhirst	106	..
178	93	De Vere Hotels	152	..
77	29¼	Dewhirst L. J.	75	..
36	21	Dewhurst Dent	28	+2
143	89	DRG	120	..
230	87	Diplomat Inv	176	+2
115	28	Dixon D.	112	..
178	83	Dixons Photo	180	..
86	28	Dizer	30	..
233	48¼	Dobson Park	201	-1
86	41	Dom Hldgs	88	..
30	47¼	Dorada Hldgs	72	+1
108	47¼	Douglas R. M.	87	..
31	17	Dow'd & Mills	28½	..
183	53½	Downing G. H.	216	..
303	98	Dowty Grp	271	+4
36	22¼	Drake & Scull	34	-½
38	14	Dreamland Elec	32	..
39½	27½	Dufay	39	..
128	68	Dunlop Hldgs	66	..
24	9½	Duple Int	28	..
87½	37½	Duport	64	..
180	41	Duraplpe Int	140	..
54	28	Dutton For	44	+½
40	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	26	..
288	126	E M I.	139	-1
126	39¼	ERF Hldgs	113	..
69	25	E Lancs Paper	48	..
100	22	Eastern Prod	78	..
180	54	Eastwood J. B.	156	..
265	105	Edbro	229	+2
58	29	Elbeco Hldgs	48½	..
68	32	EIS	54	..
318	44½	Electrocomps	287	..
26½	15	Electronic Mach	21	..
145	45	Elect'nic Rent	151	+2
163	55½	Elliott B.	180	+1
111	65	Ellis & Everard	95	..
30½	14¼	Elis & Gold	26	..
103	57	Elson & Robbins	80	..
21¼	10	Elswick Hopper	16½	..
208	88½	Empire Stores	168	..
30	4¼	Energy Serv	27¼	+½
36	21	England J. E.	25	..
34	23	English & O'seas	28	..
109	50	English Card Cl	94	..
150	60¼	Eng China Clay	74	..
104	51	Erith & Co	95	..
230	123	Esperanza	125	..
76	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	57	..
142	54	Euro Ferries	123	..
200	140	Eurotherm Int	177	..
107	52	Eva Industries	94	..
39¼	12¼	Ewer G.	31	+½
19½	7¼	Excalibur	14	+¼
135	65	Exch Telegraph	114	+1
87	56	Expamd Metal	70	..

F—H

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
115	82	FMC	72	..
26	7	FPA Cons	12	-5
76	28¼	Fairbairn L'son	65	..
75	37¼	Fairclough Cons	67	..
140	39	Fairview Est	122	..
180	109	Farmer S.W.	132	-5
425	31	Farnell Elect	368	..
88	38	Fed Lnd & Build	51	..
38	29	Feedex Ltd	38	..
178	111	Fenner J. H.	188	..
130	45	Ferguson Ind	124	..
67½	19½	Fine Art Dev	61½	+1
130	50	Finlay J.	97	..
31½	19	First Castle	35	..
460	283	Fisons	310	+5
73	45	Fitch Lovell	62	..
69	30	Fodens	52	..
198	36	Fogarty E.	148	..
29½	18½	Folkes Hefo NV	24½	+1½
35	16	Ford M.	34½	..
159	139	Ford Mtr BDR	143	..
110	33½	Formlnster	101	..
212	171	Foseco Min	188	+2
184	39	Foster Bros	158	..
48	18	Foster J.	39	+½
172	72	Fothergill & H	110	-3
50	28	Francis G. R.	60	..
81	28	Francis Ind	63	..
400	227	Freemans Ldn	345	+5
76	40	French T.	62	..
41	16	French Kier	38	-2
112	85	Friedland Doggt	86	..
99	48	GEI Int	82	+1
66	32¼	Gallifd Brindley	64	..
15	7½	Garford Lilley	14½	..
122	67	Garnar Scotblair	99	..
339	185	GEC	317	+1
104½	69½	Do F Rate	£99¼	..
27	12	Gen Eng (Rad)	14	..
220	185	Gen Mtr BDR	182	..
304	124	Gestetner 'A'	149	+8
91	32¼	Gibbons Dudley	60	..
105	35	Gieves Grp	80	..
166	80¼	Gill & Duffus	145	..
72	23	Gilspur Ltd	60	..
86	36	Glass & Metal	76	..
27	13	Glass Glover	24	..
687	400	Glaxo Hldgs	635	+2
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	35	..
48	34	Glossop & W.J.	57	..
124	76	Glynwed	101	..
80	39	Goldbg A. & Sons	72	..
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	69	+1
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	88	-2
26	11	Gordon L. Grp	28	..
72	47	Grampian Hldgs	54	+1
136	42¼	Granada 'A'	112	-1
120½	69½	Grand Met Ltd	107	+½
184	77	Gratton W'hse	92	-1
348	188	Gt Univ Stores	306	+6
346	275	Do A	302	+6
69½	17¼	Greenfield Mill	44	..
72	28	Gripperrods	65	..
348	248	GKN	260	..
137	49	HTV Grp	112	..
128	71	Haden Carrier	105	..
186	86	Baggas J.	195	..
125	62¼	Hall Eng	104	..
287	89½	Hall M.	210	+1
47½	4½	Halma Ltd	39	-1
104	99	Hammex Corp	74	-1
161	100	Hanson Trust	129	+1
51	26	Hardy Furn	36	..
48	23	Do A	34	..
82	38	Hargreaves Grp	81	..
59	34½	Harris Sheldon	48	..
125	45	Harrison T.C.	106	+1
575	270¼	Harrison Cros	450	..
118	52	Hartwells Grp	105	+2
268	117	Hawker Sidd	224	+4
77	48	Hawkins & T'son	66	..
14¼	3½	Hawtin	12	..
169	87	Hays Wharf	132	..
60	17¼	Headlam Sims	47	..
28¼	8½	Helene of Ldn	23	+¼
41	20	Helical Bar	34	..
60	22½	Hend'son Kent	39	+5
137½	24½	Henly's	118	..
100	38½	Hepworth Cer	79	..
82	29¼	Hepworth J.	66	-1
13	6½	Herman Smith	11	-½
131¼	72	Hestair	74	..
74	14¼	Hewden-Stuart	66	..
25	11	Hewitt J.	17	..
112	68	Hickng P'cost	107	..
232	98¼	Hickson Welch	185	+1
97	36	Higgs & Hill	66	..
89	29¼	Hill & Smith	64	..
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	80	..
300	71	Hillards	222	..
98	66	Hoffnung S.	70	..
72	36	Hollas Grp	64	..
76	34	Hollis Bros	64	..
176	70	Holt Lloyd	158	..
236	60	Home Charm	206	..
410	195	Hoover	248	..
413	195	Do A	240	..
121	55	Hopkinsons	97	..
121½	37	Horizon Mid	115	..
176	71	Hse of Fraser	136	..
90	28	Hoveringham	87	..
87	21½	Do RV	83	..
32	11¼	Howard & Wynd	28	-1
29	10½	Do A	23	-1
39	23	Howard Mach	27	-1
38¼	17	Howard Tenens	26	..
90	44	Howden Grp	81	..
16¼	9½	Hudsons Bay	£13¾	-⅛
30	14	Hunt Moscrop	27½	..
377	74	Hunting Assoc	289	+6
52¼	18	Huntleigh Grp	46	..
116	47	Hutch Whamp	58	-2

I—L

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
497	350	ICL	415	-3
138	75	IDC Grp	128	..
69	46	IMI	74	..
196	74	Ibstock Johns'n	166	-2
445	329½	Imp Chem Ind	384	+6
88	65	Imperial Grp	82½	..
33	17	Ingall Ind	29	..
40	26	Ingram H.	39	..
95	51½	Initial Services	88	..
82	41½	Int Paint	80	..
305	243	Int Thomson	282	..
350	200	Do Conv Pref	320	..
136	50	Int Timber	120	..
82	42	Invereck Grp	62	..
11¼	4½	Itoh BDR	£8½	..
47¼	24¼	JB Hldgs	37	..
50	32	Jacks W.	31	..
76	37	Jacksons B'End	65	..
18¼	8½	James M. Ind	13	+¼
358	149	Jardine M'son	165	-3
157	94	Jarvis J.	137	..
46	16	Jessups Hldgs	37	..
76	43¼	Johnson & F B	71	+2
115	27	Johnson Grp	101	..
492	307	Johnson Matt	448	+3
124	38	Johnson-Rirnd	96	..
160	137	Jones (Ernest)	140	..
106	47½	Jones Stroud	101	..
46	21	Jourdan T.	38	..
91	27	K Shoes	70	..
37	16½	Kalamazoo	34½	..
135	38	Kelsey Ind	87	..
86	48½	Kenning Mtr	69½	..
44	21	Kent M. P.	40	-1
283	87¼	Kode Int	232	..
56½	13½	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	48½	..
157¼	48¼	Kwik Save Disc	92	..
101	68	LCP Hldgs	86	..
46	29½	LRC Int	33½	..
256	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	244	..
216	88	Ladbroke	205	+2
64	29¼	Ladies Pride	69	..
87	72	Laing J.	74	..
87	71	Do A	74	..
104½	40	Laird Grp Ltd	93	..
45	43	Lake & Elliot	55	+2
54	31	Lambert H'wth	48	..
78	28	Lane P. Grp	49	..
181	80¼	Laporte Ind	166	-1
150	65	Latham J.	210	..
126	45	Laurence Scott	102	..
110	38	Lawrence W.	93	..
72	24	Lawtex	62	..
277	138	Lead Industries	246	..
49	38	Le-Bas E.	41	..
36	14¼	Lee A.	33	..
280	22	Lee Cooper	267	..
170	69¼	Leigh Int	218	+1
117	48½	Leisure C'van	186	..
45	27	Lennons Grp	32	+1
283	215	Lep Grp	243	..
97	57	Lesney Ord	78	-1
147	70	Letraset	136	..
81½	42	Lex Services	77	..
296	31¼	Liberty Ord	275	..
88	35	Lilley F. J. C.	67	..
41	30	Lincroft Kilg	46½	+½
152	58	Lindustries	151	..
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	172	+1
39	19	Linread	33	..
61	22	Lister & Co	49	..
79	66	Lloyd F. H.	69	..
21½	9	Locker T.	19½	+½
19¼	8¼	Do A	17¼	+½
120	88	Lockwoods Fds	108	..
210	49	Ldn & M'land	203	..
47½	28	Ldn & N'thern	49	..
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	66	+1
217	94	Ldn Prov Post	202	..
76	31	Longton Trans	69	..
87	36	Lonrho	62	..
92	39	Lonsdale Univ	87	..
74	26	Lookers	51	..
120	44	Lovell Hldgs	101	..
390	220	Low & Bonar	348	..
397	284	Lucas Ind	300	+3
159	47	Lyons J. Ord	141	..

M—N

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
151	34½	MFI Furn	151	+6
241	87	MK Electric	213	+1
245	48	ML Hldgs	240	..
77	37	MY Dart	56	+½
315	138	McCorquodale	263	..
49	15	McInerney Prop	32	..
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	15	..
48	28	Mackay H.	45	..
142	68¼	McKechnie Bros	94½	..
87½	32½	Mackinnon (Scot)	46	..
80	31	McNeill Grp	31	..
81	37	Macpherson D.	72½	..
155	79¼	Magnet & Sthns	238	..
58½	28	Mallinson Denny	49	-½
105	50	Man Agcy Music	103	+1
388	377	Man Ship Canal	268	..
140	34	Mang Bronze	34	-2
26	8	Maple Hldgs	27½	..
168	108	Marchwiel	100	..
93	47½	Marks & Spencer	84	..
99	46	Marley Ltd	69	..
37	9¼	Marling Ind	37	..
59½	31	Marshall Cav	48½	..
82	27	Marshall T Lox	48	..
82	26	Do A	45	..
148	95	Marshalls Univ	244	..
97	45	Martin-Black	45	..
250	95½	Martin-News	212	+6
280	91	Martonair	268	-2
85	48	May & Hassell	67	..
150	60	Maynards	128	-3
31	13	Mears Bros	19½	..
38	10¼	Medminster	36	..
110	50	Melody Mills	95	..
17	9	Mentmore Mfg	15½	..
200	38	Menzies J.	183	-2
382	249	Metal Box	328	+8
100	65	Metal Closures	98	..
85	12¼	Metalrax	45	..
77	28	Metoy	69	-1
95	44	Meyer M. L.	83	..
48	36½	Midland Ind	39	..
82	37¼	Milbury	62	+2
212	25	Mills & Allen	208	-1
118	28	Mining Supplies	108	-1
49	36¼	Mit Colts Grp	42	..
60	20½	Mitchell Somers	82	..
76	43	Mixconcrete	61	..
85	28¼	Modern Eng	45	..
155	97	Molins	178	..
108	25¼	Monk A.	96	..
56½	28	M'santo 5% Ln	£46	..
56½	40	Do 6¼ Ln	£54	..
220	98	Do 5% Cnv	£101	-1
74	35	Montfort Knit	74	..
84½	31	More O'Ferrall	78	..
178	86	Morgan Cruc	114	..
76	24	Morgan Edwds	75	..
88	24	Morrall Abel	43	..
115	36	Morris & Blakey	109	..
92	38	Do A	85	..
147	38¼	Moss Bros	320	-2
73	46	Moss Eng	64	-1
210	101	Mothercare	193	..
18½	8	Movitex	13	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	106	..
220	127¼	Muirhead	193	+6
73	39	Myson Grp	34	..
120	43¼	NSS News	106	+6
68	27	Nathan B. & L.	57	..
67	35	Nat Carbon	46	+2
43	12	Needlers	41½	..
49	30½	Negretti & Zam	39	..
94	37	Negretti & Zam	81	..
109	69	Neill J.	95	+1
187	45	Newarthill	159	..
90¼	43½	Newman Ind	78	..
72	33	Newman Tonks	64	..
288	88	Newmark L.	250	..
109	51	Narcros	94	+½
44	31	Norfolk C Grp	38	..
40	26	Normand Elec	45	+2
142½	54	NEI	128½	..
118	45¼	Nthn Foods	98	..
240	22	Norton & Wright	142	..
35½	8	Norton W. E.	31	+1
107	52	Norwest Holst	91	+1
147	69	Notts Mfg	132	-1
122	49½	Nurdin & Peacock	77	..
35½	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	29	..

O—S

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
107	66	Ocean Wilsons	91	..
131	65	Office & Elect	115	..
116	59	Ofrex Grp	105	+1
23¾	11½	Ogilvy & M	£14¼	..
137	43	Owen Owen	113	-1
74	7	Oxley Printing	61	-2
69	37¼	Parker Knoll 'A'	69	+1
126	60	Parker Timber	128	+6
53	14	Paterson R.	39	..
230	120¼	Paterson Zoch	190	+2
236	117½	Do A NV	179	..
135	69½	Pauls & Whites	115	+1
267	108	Pearson Long	215	..
244	175	Pearson & Son	210	..
27½	24½	Do 4½% Ln	£27	..
205	148	Pegler-Hatt	188	+8
29¼	6	Pentland Ind	21	-½
111	42	Pentos	95	+5
108	63	Perkin El 4%	£97	..
141	38½	Perry H. Mtrs	112	..
67	40	Petrocon Grp	49	..
64	56½	Philips Fin 5¼	£60¼	-½
11	7½	Philips Lamps	£8¼	+¼
21	7	Phillips Pats	17	..
150	67	P'dilly Theatre	115	..
19	11	Pickles W.	17	..
112	34	Pifco Hldgs	90	..
108	32	Do A	85	..
325	136½	Pilkington Bros	283	+3
59¼	39¼	Pittard Grp	48	..
106	49½	Plaxtons	106	+3
79	31	Pleasurama	68	..
125	62	Plessey	106	+2
19¼	7¼	Do ADR	£17¼	..
106	42	Plysu	105	..
258	158	Portals Hldgs	212	..
127	51	Porter Chad	89	..
74	32	Portsmth News	70	..
223	119	Powell Duffryn	185	+1
74	50	Pratt F. Eng	65	..
89	32	Preedy A.	84	..
29	12¼	Press W.	27½	+½
185	102	Prestige Grp	178	..
205	125	Pretoria P Cem	250	..
97	45	Priest B.	54½	..
43	18¼	Pritchard Serv	39	+½
168	53	Pullman R & J.	96	-1
113	17	Pye Hldgs	91	..
77	53	Pyke W. J.	70	..
48	21	Pyramid Grp	40	..
27¼	14	Quaker Oats	£16¼	..
46	6¼	Queens Moat	41	..
94	71	R.F.D. Group	69	+1
360	117	Racal Elect	325	+6
283	140	Rank Org Ord	246	+2
61	39¼	RHM	51	-½
67	30	RHP	63	-½
186	96	Ransomes Sims	155	+1
83	30¼	Ratcliffe F. S.	83	..
79	15½	Ratners	85	..
101	31¼	Rayback Ltd	90	+1
45	23½	Readicut Int	41	-2
155	72	RMC	128	+1
580	329	Reckitt & Colmn	485	+8
90	50	Record Ridgway	76	-1
328	78	Redfearn Nat	285	..
105	64	Rediffusion	94	..
172	88	Redland	154	..
49½	15	Redman Heenan	54	..
100	22	Reed A.	85	..
106	32	Do A NV	87	..
80	18	Reed Exec	77	..
150	102	Reed Int	150	+1
29¼	14¼	Reliance Grp	£27	..
86	19	Reliance Knit	84	..
88	44	Renwick Cons	56	..
144	212	Renold Ltd	128	..
75	35	Renfold Grp	60	..
49	27	Renwick Grp	45	..
74	27	Restmor Grp	60	..
75	45¼	Revertex	65	..
72	37	Rexmore	68	..
395	66	Ricardo Eng	276	+2
95	37	Richards & Wall	80	..
29¼	14	Rich'n-Merrell	£18¼	..
66	35	Richardsons W.	46	..
180	71½	Robinson Grp	124	..
200	55	Rolls-R Motors	96	..
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	45½	..
49	24½	Do A	47½	..
31	4½	Rotaprint	27	..
56	26	Rotaflex	40	..
52	22	Rotaprint	45	+2
68½	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	55	..
80½	40	Rotork Ltd	85	..
190	65	Routledge & K	190	..
33	20	Rowlinson Con	26	..
449	220	Rowntree Mac	404	+7
170	66	Rowton Hotels	149	..
171	84	Royal Worcs	145	..
45	24	Royco Grp	37	..
47	28	Ruberoid	39	..
90	45	Rugby Cement	73	..
188	58	SGB Grp	160	..
39	16	SKF 'B'	29½	..
132¼	39	Saatchi	129	-1
65	24¼	Sabah Timber	67	+½
295	150	Sainsbury J.	272	..
29½	14	St Gobain	£22	..
157½	34¼	Sale Tilney	116	..
300	98	Samuel H.	276	..
196½	56½	Do A	272	..
70	41	Sangers Wat	62	..
41	20	Sanderson Mur	38	..
56	27	Sanger J. E.	32	+½
119	74	Sangers	78	-2
87	30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	65	+1
216	69	Scapa Grp	203	..
310	193	Scholes G. H.	279	+6
92	41	Scragens	46	..
73	26	SEET	63	..
47	27¼	Scot Heritable	43	..
74	35	Scottish TV 'A'	68	..
233	88	Scot Univ Inv	226	+2
44½	26¼	Sears Hldgs	36½	..
135	47¼	Securicor Grp	123	..
135	42	Do NV	118	..
135	56	Security Serv	122	..
135	55¼	Do A	120	..
41	31½	Selcon Int	36	..
29¼	20¼	Selincourt	28½	..
38	18	Senior Eng	24½	..
120	46	Serck	77	-1
37½	22	Shakespeare J.	27	..
73	33	Shaw Carpets	65	..
201	35	Sheepbridge	67	..
24½	3½	Sherman S.	22½	..
104	62	Sidlaw Ind	84	..
218	113	Siebe Gorman	195	..
67	29	Simpson Hunt	50	..
275	148	Sigmund Pul	250	..
108	58	Silentnight	95	+1
296	130	Simon Eng	282	..
229	86	Simpson S.	201	..
215	36	Do A	201	..
216	31	Sirdar	114	-2
204	54	600 Group	92	+1
135	61	Skeltchley	128	..
41	30	Smallshaw R.	33	..
55	21½	Smart J.	44	..
207	28	Smith D. S.	80	..
80	39½	Smith & Neph	69	+½
191	67½	Smith W. H. 'A'	147	+1
230	220	Smiths Ind	225	+5
210	84¼	Smurfit	203	..
33	25	Sobranie	28	..
33	25	Do NV	28	+1
62	42	Solicitors Law	51	..
350	156	Sotheby P. B.	286	+8
173	111	Spear & Jackson	132	..
245	100	Spear J. W.	210	..
19	7	Spencer Gears	15	..
29½	29½	Spillers	72	..
184	70	Spirax-Sarco	158	..
106¼	52¼	Staffs Potts	158	..
240	40¼	Stag Furniture	140	..
40	23	Stamp (Res)	35	..
275	42¼	Stanley A. G.	148	-2
220	41	Startrite Eng	212	..
206	263	Staveley Ind	268	..
298	202½	Steel Bros	260	..
234	238	Steetley Co	258	..
22	9	Stemberg	22½	+½
60	35	Stew'ts & Ll 6%	47	..
85	23	Stockdale Hldgs	62	+3
182	88	Stocksl & Son	145	..
116	60¼	Stonehill	98	..
246	93	Stone Platt	207	+2
295	98	Stothert & Pitt	212	..
43½	29	Streeters	33	+2
87	54	Strong & Fisher	65	..
42	31	Sunbeam W'sey	49	..
72	28	Sutcliffe S'man	57	..
177	63¼	Swire Pacific 'A'	98	-5
154	44	Sylvone	138	..
31	9	Symonds Eng	22	..

T—Z

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
31	9	Tace	24	..
29½	6¼	Takeda Rdr	£26¼	..
29½	3	Talbex Grp	5	-½
220	124	Tarmac Ltd	146	..
280	195	Tate & Lyle	252	..
130	70	Tavener R'lge	116	..
94	43	Taylor Palls	90	..
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	408	..
188	55	Tecalemit	135	+1
43	25	Telefusion	31	-2
42	27	Do A	30	-2
136	84	Telephone Rent	149	-3
57	32	Tesco	49	..
35	22	Textured Jersey	26	..
130	81	Thermal Synd	99	..
450	296¼	Thorn Electric	348	..
23	6½	Thurgar Bardex	21½	+½
318	254	Tilbury Cont	276	-2
147	64½	Tilling T.	124	+1
209	52	Time Products	164	-1
30	5	Tiaghur Jute	23	+1
25	10	Tomkins F. H.	21½	..
54	31	Tootal	45	..
70	24	Tota	61	+2
61	32¼	Tozer Kemsley	50	..
146	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	118	+1
82	48	Trans Paper	69½	..
85	48	Transport Dev	67	..
194	77	Travis & Arnold	146	+1
90	25	Tricoville	79	..
61	31½	Trident TV 'A'	54	..
105	25¼	Triefus & Co	105	..
105	50	Triplex Fdrand	86	..
290	114	Trust Hse Forte	234	+½
434	311½	Tube Invest	384	+4
312	227	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	274	+6
13½	7	Turner Curzon	8	..
293	153	Turner Newall	278	+1
142	53	Turner M'fg	142	..
84	27	Turriff	80	..
109	84	UDS Grp	90	..
192	138	UKO Int	148	..
100	65	Unicorn Ind	97	..
76	42	Unigate	70	..
600	412	Unilever	544	+6
20⅛	20¼	Do NV	£24⅛	..
277	66	Unitech	236	..
94	48¼	Utd Biscuit	79	-1
73	21¼	Utd Gas Merc	46	..
35	20	Utd Eng	27	+13
70	31¼	Utd Gas Ind	69	..
407	125	Utd News	305	..
382	91¼	Utd Scientific	349	+10
58	39	Valor	52	..
117	78	Vantona	117	..
230	95	Vereeniging Ref	290	..
200	84	Vinten	180	..
242	144	Vickers	206	+2
69	29	Vita-Tex	56	..
225	71	Vosper	200	..
79	37	WP Boons	63	..
138	50	WGI	120	+5
262	211	Waddington J.	272	+2
73	13	Wade Potteries	24	..
280	70	Wadkin	230	..
200	87	Wagon Ind	147	..
132	78½	Walker C & W	120	..
129	54	Walker J. Gold	113	+1
135	52	Do NV	99	..
117	58½	Ward & Gold	90	-1
82	29½	Ward T. W.	72½	..
110	19	Ware White	95	+2
36½	13	Wardle B.	32	-½
123	44½	Waring & Gillow	113	..
87	29¼	Warne Wright	63	..
65	19½	Warrington T.	50	..
84	31¼	Waterford Glass	54	..
106	36½	Watmoughs	99	..
125	69	Watts Blake	114	..
40	13	Wearwell	34	..
50	25	Websters Pub	35	..
116	71½	Weir Grp	97	-½
29½	11½	Wellco Hldgs	25	..
72	31	Wellman Eng	41	..
66	22	Westbrick Pds	54	..
80	39	Westinghse Brke	59½	..
89½	39	Westland Air	72	..
3	1	Westminster Inv	2	..
25	25	Wharf Mill	29	..
34	25	Whatlings	35	..
65	28	Whelock Mar	36	..
107	51	Whessoe	75	..
34	3	Wheway Watson	25	..
123	41	White Child	106	..
112	64	Whitecroft	105	+3
54	26	Whiteley BSW	29	..
249	93	Whittaker Ltd	215	..
275	65	Wigfall H.	270	..
37	21	Wiggins Constr	36	..
125	52	Wight Cons	112	..
214	139	Wilkins'n Match	175	..
104	79	Do 10% Conv	£97	+1
54	23¼	Wms J. Cardiff	45	..
63	26	Wills G. & Sons	57	..
85½	51	Wilmot Breeden	69½	+1
47	17½	Wilson Bros	39½	+½
100	38	Wimpey G	79½	+1½
54	24	Winn Ind	49½	..
57	29½	Witter T.	46	..
230	92	Wolsey Hughes	204	..
56	14	Wood & Sons	48	..
48	36	Wood S. W.	47	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	80	..
127	48½	Woodhead J.	97	..
32	25	W'dh'se Rixson	30	+1
72½	49	Woolworth	62	+½
243	140	Yarrow & Co	322	..
75	29¼	York Trailer	48	+1
54	18	Youghal Cpts	34	+2
44	21	Young H. Hldgs	25	..
63	21	Zetters	62	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
295	175	Akroyd & Sm	202	+2
470	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	350	..
65	27	Boustead	57	..
25	6	Brit Arrow	24½	+½
254¼	92¼	Challenge Corp	217	..
45	42	Charterhse Grp	61	+2
54½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£49¼	..
397	215	Daily Mail Tst	385	..
316	215	Do A	384	..
321	204	Dalgety	303	..
46	13	Dawnay Day	37	..
21	8	Edin Ind Hldgs	9	..
322	73	Electra Inv	212½	+2
28	15	Exploration	25	..
85	27	FC Finance	70	..
28	7	Fraser Inv	28	..
39	14	Goode D & M Grp	19	..
441	287¼	Inchcape	342	-10
229	60	Lloyds & Scot	88	+2
70	5	Ldn & Euro Grp	71	..
145	61	M&G Grp Hldgs	125	..
54	26	Manson Fin	43	..
95	61	Prov Fin Grp	91	..
131	47¼	Sime Darby	92	+1
60	37	Smith Bros	58	..
640	451	Tyndall O'seas	625	..
38	14	Utd Dom Tst	37	..
58½	21¼	Wagon Fin	42	..
87½	35	Yule Catto	66½	..

INSURANCE

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
171	65	Bowring	129	..
54	28	Brentnall Beard	36	..
274	119	Britannic	258	+4
272	162¼	Com Union	143	-2
266	207	Eagle Star	237	-1
296	224	Equity & Law	218	+2
284	162	Gen Accident	212	..
294	172	GRE	222	+2
405	288	Hambro Life	391	-2
297	126¼	Heath C. E.	247	-3
167¼	97¼	Hogg Robinson	121	-3
165	126	Howden A.	135	..
214	108	Legal & Gen	145	+2
150	95¼	London & Man	126	..
175	87	Ldn Utd Inv	171	..
296	260	Matthews W'son	177	..
217	160	Minet Hldgs	153	..
79	43	Moran C.	56	-1
242	162	Pearl	220	-2
282	168	Phoenix	219	+2
243	200	Prov Life 'A'	240	..
242	200	Do A Br	240	..
237	200	Do B	242	..
237	200	Do B Br	232	..
260	216	Prudential	244	..
234	94	Refuge	124	..
495	290	Royal	360	..
478	224	Sedg. Forbes	418	..
113	69	Stenhouse	95	..
662	385	Sun Alliance	505	..
217	65	Sun Life	101	+1
285	133	Trade Indem'ty	170	..
320	196	Willis Faber	230	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
125	104	Aberdeen Trst	129	..
250	168	Alliance Trust	209	-2
53½	21½	Amer Trust	41	-½
214	74	Ang-Amer Secs	92½	..
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	40	-½
265	87	Do Ass	251	..
53	31	Anglo Scot	47½	..
148½	92½	Ashdown Inv	125½	..
74	35	Atlanta Balt	54	..
115	49	Atlantic Assets	101	-½
60½	40	Atlas Electric	60	..
65	39¼	Bankers Inv	56½	+½
76½	40	Berry Trust	72½	..
64	41¼	Border & Sthrn	57½	+½
46	20	Brit Am & Gen	39½	..
87½	48	Brit Assets Tst	69½	..
12½	7½	Brit Emp Sec	11½	..
176	116	Brit Invest	163	..
271½	105¼	Broadstone	248½	..
110½	62	Brunner	94½	..
72½	42	CLRP Inv	66½	..
289	157	Caledonia Inv	249	..
82	56	Caledonian Tst	75	-2
80	52	Do B	77	..
141½	91	Capital & Natl	136½	..
135½	89½	Do B	130½	..
124½	75	Cardinal 'Dfd'	106½	+1
133	84½	Carliol Inv	109½	+1
74	40	Cedar Inv	65	-½
64	40	Charter Trust	50½	+½
82	54	Clydesdale Inv	73½	..
55	45	Do B	72	..
24½	8½	Common Mkt	£14	..
216½	153½	Cont & Ind	189½	+1
284	102	Crescent Japan	278	..
84	48	Crossfriars	77	..
31½	24½	Cumulus	31½	-1
165	94	Delta Inv	150	..
232	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	205	+1
370	95	Do Cap	356	-2
345	200	Drayton Com	324	..
365	215	Drayton Cons	343	-1
216	150	Do Premier	200	..
74	40½	Dundee & Ldn	61	..
142	65	Edin Amer Ass	112	..
249	164	Edinburgh Inv	224	..
87	50	Elec & Gen	77½	..
97½	69¼	Eng & Int	85½	..
87	54½	Eng & N York	72	+½
92	56	Estate Duties	74	..
111½	46	First Scot Am	89½	..
191	117	Foreign & Colnl	165½	+½
193	88	Gt Japan Inv	179	..
195½	109	Gen Funds 'Ord'	178	+1
150	75	Do Conv	140	..
118	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	100	+1
99	66	Gen Scottish	84	..
111	64	Glendevon	92	..
111½	72	Globe Trust	111½	..
85	49	Grange Trust	75	..
113	75	Great Northern	98	+½
102	61½	Greenfriar	91½	..
77	46	Gresham Hse	72	..
99	57	Guardian	84½	+½
100½	61	Hambros	96	+1
201	123	Hill P. Inv	174	+1
91	43	Hume Hldgs A	74	-1
60¼	38½	Indus & General	51½	+½
64	52	Internat Inv	61	..
176½	69½	Invest in Sue	133½	..
81	30½	Inv Cap Trst	77	..
192	109½	Jardine Japan	163	+1
200	103	Jersey Ext	144	..
105	66	Lake View Inv	88	..
115	68	Law Deb Corp	99½	..
129	84	Ldn & Holyrood	108	..
209	138	Ldn & Montrose	177	..
137	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	107	..
76½	37	Ldn Merch Sec	62	+1
76½	36	Do Cap	62	+1
87	44	Ldn Pru Invest	74	..
117	65½	Ldn Trust	100	..
47	26	Mercantile Inv	39½	+¼
83	35	Merchants Trust	69	..
110	60	Moorside Tst	92	..
22½	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	18	+½
161	75	Do Cap	124	+1
107	74½	North Atlantic	86	..
114½	72	Northern Amer	94	+½
139	64	Northern Sec	115	..
68	48	Oil & Associated	54	..
136	84	Pentland	112	..
76	58	Progressive Sec	68	..
146½	96	Raeburn	124	..
192	108	River & Merc	165½	..
162	98½	River Plate	138	..
105½	69	Romney Trust	85	..
231½	104½	Rothschild	203	..
78	44	Safeguard	73	..
103	57½	Scot Amer	81	+½
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	94	..
160	102	Scot Eastern	132	+1
44½	26	Scot European	41	..
117½	73	Scot Invest	97½	+½
289	111	Scot National	242½	..
119	70	Scot Northern	100	..
95	57½	Scot Western	78½	..
119½	70	Scot Western	99½	..
107	64½	Do B	85	-½
217	143	Sec Alliance	173	..
95	61½	Sec Gt Northern	79	-3
90½	58	Do B	73½	..
194	132	Sterling Trust	165	..
119	67½	Stockholders	92	..
77	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	69	..
87½	49½	Throgmtn Trust	74½	..
281	138	Trans-Oceanic	242	..
81	30½	Tribune Inv	69	..
67½	49½	Triplevest 'Inc'	64½	..
179	94	Do Cap	156	..
155	82	Trustees Corp	134	..
136	87½	Tyneside Inv	105	..
144½	57	Utd Brit Secs	121	..
107	54½	Utd States Deb	87	+½
204	142	Utd States Gen	174	..
104	68¼	Viking Res	82	..
220	140	W'bottom Trust	206	..
104	63	Witan Inv	87	..
61	41	Do B	52	..
195	111	Yeoman Tst	246	..
35	17	Yorks & Lancs	30	..
90	50	Young Co Inv	88	..

SHIPPING

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
321	215	Brit & Comm	296	+2
160	54	Fisher J.	155	..
355	207	Furness Withy	235	..
305	100	Hunting Gibson	196	..
41½	24¼	Jacobs J. I.	26	..
270	305	Manch Liners	275	..
170	103	Ocean Trans	107	..
172	77	P & O 'Dfd'	78½	+½

MINES

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
765	350	Anglo Am Coal	665	..
282	125	Anglo Am Corp	307	+5
20¼	11¼	Ang Am Gold	£16½	-½
49	30	Anglo Am Inv	£35¼	-½
91½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£7¼	-½
89½	6	Do A	£7¼	..
50	2½	Avarco	425½	..
60	35	Beralt Tin	55	..
417	227	Blyvoor	271	..
48	12	Botswana RST	22	..
107	52	Bracken Mines	68	..
120	67	BH South	111	-1
115½	5¼	Buffelsfontein	£7¼	..
168	106	Charter Cons	124	..
220¼	138	Cons Gold Fields	170	+5
488	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	364	+5
403	145	Doornfontein	231	+2
445	139	Durban Rood	301	-8
37	9	East Daggs	24½	-½
917	425	E Driefontein	619	+3
477	277	E Rand Prop	273	+2
62	29	El Oro M & Ex	34	..
154	44	Fisburg Gold	105	..
20¼	8¼	F S Geduld	£12¼	-½
186	54¼	Geevor Tin	145	..
30¼	17	Gen Mining	£15	..
157	37	Grootvlei	87	..
310	109	Hamersley	150	-2
138	77	Hampton Gold	225	-1
489	235	Harmony	276	-2
16	7¼	Hartebeest	£11½	-½
18½	10¼	Jo'burg Cons	£13¼	-½
450	200	Kinross	248	-3
680	290	Kloof	475	..
74	20	Leslie	42	..
490	175	Libanon	419	-3
93	42	Lydenburg Plat	66	+1
242	123	MIM Hldgs	185	-2
45	27	MTD (Mangula)	37	+5
121	45	Marievale Con	86	..
195	60	Messina Trans	82	+2
41	19	Metals Explor	25	..
315	125	Middle Wits	185	..
204	115	Minorco	148	..
480	247	Ntgate Explor	455	..
570	345	Peko Wallsend	430	-10
22¼	9¼	Pres Brand	£17¼	-½
16½	8¼	Pres Steyn	£9¼	-½
140	60	Rand Mine Prop	92	..
47½	19	Randfontein	£29½	..
244	144	Rio Tinto Zinc	275	..
115	60	Rustenburg	88	..
60	26	Saint Piran	79	+1
17½	8¼	St Helena	£9¼	-½
815	370	Selection Tst	436	-1
257	118	Sentrust	266	-4
97	29	SA Land	53	..
76	48	South Crofty	65	..
472	235	Southvaal	415	+1
218	87	Sungei Besi	185	..
189	115	Tang Cons	163	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	87	+2
280	207¼	Tronoh Sutch	289	..
19½	8¼	Transvaal Cons	£17	..
255	9	Tronoh Mines	139	..
278	117	UC Invest	213	+5
184	105	Union Corp	254	-9
170¼	8	Vaal Reefs	£12½	-½
298	70	Venterspost	187	-3
42	27	Wankie Colliery	30	+2
375	215	Welkom	227	-3
28¼	13¼	W Driefontein	£20¾	+½
208	78	W Rand Cons	101	-2
247	110	Western Areas	124	-2
30¼	14¼	Western Deep	£17¼	-½
24¼	10½	Western Hldgs	£14¼	-½
164	86	Western Mining	123	-2
870	380	Winkelhaak	570	-6
28½	10	Zambia Copper	12	..

OIL

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
93	43	Ampol Pet	60½	..
120	47	Attock	86	..
186	128	Brit Borneo	158	..
960	720	BP	878	+24
88	41	Burmah Oil	73	+3
60½	44½	Century Oils	64	..
34½	18½	Charterhall	25	+½
29¼	12½	C F Petroles	£22¼	..
44	24	KCA Int	33	..
196	126	Lasmo	251	+2
415	285	Do Opg	375	..
100½	84½	Do 14% Ln	£99	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	220	+2
23½	8	Premier Cons	15½	..
13¼	7¼	Ranger Oil	£9¼	-¼
39½	29½	Royal Dutch	£41¼	..
632	458	Shell Trans	564	+10
292	204	Tricentrol	219	+2
256	216¼	Ultramar	224	+2
141	84	Do 7% Cnv	134	+1

PROPERTY

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
66	29¼	Allied Ldn	59	..
284	127	Allnatt Ldn	220	+6
93	38	Apex Props	85	..
23	11	Aquis Secs	20	..
96	51¼	Beaumont Prop	87	+2
77	29¼	Bellway Hldgs	77	+1
142	89	Berkeley Hmbro	132	+1
193	120	Bilton Percy	179	..
187	118	Do Accum	165	..
275	118	Bradford Prop	260	..
47½	22	British Land	39	+½
186	54¼	Brixton Estate	122	+2
62	10	Cap & Counties	48	+5½
349	141	Chesterfield	337	..
336	148	Churchbury Est	305	+5
70	27¼	City Offices	67	+1½
43	13½	Control Secs	34	-1
245	114	Corn Exchange	254	..
34	17	Country & New T	30	..
119	35	County & Dist	114	..
129	23¼	Daejan Hldgs	101	..
31½	27	Eng Prop	33	+½
28½	11	Estates & Gen	29	..
104	33	Evans of Leeds	87	..
229	157¼	Gt Portland	259	+6
87	52	Guildhall	82	..
442	210	Hammerson 'A'	392	+5
772	178	Haslemere Ests	240	+3
280	142	Land Secs	238	-4
56	35½	Law Land	45	-2
125	40½	Ldn & Prov Sh	120	-3
50	40	Ldn Shop	72	-1
126	68	Lyntan Hldgs	118	+3
150	46	MEPC	142	+3
285	85	McKay Secs	255	..
41	16	Marler Estates	34	..
45	15	Midhurst Whites	47½	..
133	46	Mucklow A & J.	117	-5
290	105	Municipal	280	..
90	28	Peachey Prop	81	+2
350	180	Prop & Rever	319	..
350	178	Do A	319	..
347	216	Prop Hldgs	309	..
113	27¼	Prop Sec	109	..
6¼	2	Raglan Prop	4	-¼
87	37	Regional	74	..
78	30	Do A	65	..
125	29	Rush & Tompkins	93	..
126	30¼	Scot Met Props	112	+1
129	77	Slough Ests	119	+3
288	158	Stock Conv	274	+8
298	98	Sunley B.	245	..
17	5	Town & City	15	+½
178	41	Trafford Park	119	..
24½	10½	UK Props	22½	+½
17½	6½	Webb J.	15	..
39	10½	W'minster & C'ty	27½	..

RUBBER

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
184	34	Anglo-Indonesia	39	..
66	18	Bradwall FMS	54½	..
200	82	Castlefield	250	..
50	32½	Chersonese	45	..
32	18¼	Cons Plant	27	+½
48	17	Doranakande	67	..
12½	5½	Grand Central	11	..
358	175	Guthrie Corp	312	+2
179	48	Harrisons Malay	100	..
138	38½	Highlds & Low	97½	-3
225	67	Hongkong	219	..
255	125	Killinghall	227	-3
80½	22	Kulim Malaysia	47½	-½
197	45	Ldn Sumatra	145	-3
80½	22½	Majedie	65	..
65	12½	Muar River	53	+½
81	35	Plant Hldgs	64	..
93	18¼	Sungei Krian	75	+1

TEA

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
360	247	Assam Frontier	299	..
125	52	Assam Inv	93	..
325	95	Camellia Inv	303	..
245	220	McLeod Russel	227	..
410	124	Moran	310	..
155	15	Surmah Valley	140	..
130	51	Warren Plant	112	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
15¼	7½	Algoma Cen Rly	£13½	-½
78	40	Calcutta Elec	78	..
52½	41½	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£48½	+1
38¼	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	35½	+½
79	47	Gt Nthn Tele	267	..
150	370	Imp Cont Gas	349	-2
36	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£34	-½
130	45	Milford Docks	115	..
270	140	Nigerian Elec	205	..
38½	31½	Sunderland Wtr	£38	+½

a Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 24.11.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1960):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	213.49	6.62	11.97	211.79
Largest Cos.	218.20	6.50	11.60	216.09
Smaller Cos.	196.13	7.68	13.44	195.67
Capital Goods	258.47	6.11	14.43	257.17
Consumer Goods	220.67	6.96	11.14	219.58
Store Shares	186.29	6.18	8.28	185.37
Largest financial shares	219.95	6.37	—	218.36
Largest financial and industrial shares	218.56	6.51	—	216.81
Commodity shares	253.24	5.12	14.62	252.04
Gold Mining shares	281.34	10.15	18.19	279.54
Industrial debenture stocks	57.74	6.47*	—	57.51
Industrial preference stocks	56.78	12.41*	—	56.78
3½% War Loan	29¼*	12.01*	—	29¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below—

	High	Low
All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.28 (13.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.65 (02.03.78)
1977	222.28 (14.09.77)	151.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.65 (05.05.76)	113.65 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.15 (26.02.74)	60.28 (13.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.39 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.
● Ex-dividend.

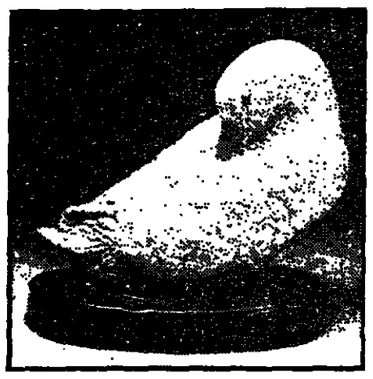
Weekend SHOPAROUND

Sheila Black

In a Christmas mood

■ This time next week, there may be no *Times*, no *Sunday Times* to follow and no famous supplements. November 30 has been widely designated as D-Day but I prefer to think of it as S-Day. S for Suspension (purely temporary, I am sure) and S for Start-up, which I am convinced Times Newspapers will do again.

Meanwhile, since S for Shoparound may be here for the last time before Christmas, it would seem a good idea to pile in as many names and addresses as possible with the minimum of data at this stage. If we survive the current crisis, details can be given. If not, then please bear with us, find out for yourselves, and wait for us patiently.



■ First, something completely new from Herodities, Stonehill Mill, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria (Kirkby Stephen 71543). This company is celebrated for its cold-cast bronzes and the fine tradition of sculpture it has established for sale at low prices. Determined to go into porcelain, ceramics or something of the kind, the management was equally determined not to risk bastardization of the work of artists and sculptors by subjecting their models to factory painters who might alter faces or expressions. They developed a form of creamware which is really superb. The artist makes his or her model and Heredities, by a special old-yet-new technique, runs the colour on to it. Where the lines, grooves or other sculpted channels of expression and anatomy are deep, the colour is thick and dark.

On the surface, the colour is paler and light because it spreads and lies thinly on the surface. The result is just exactly what the artist modelled, and the creamy lustre, whether on grass or fur, on hide or flower, is amazing. The initial collection consists mostly of animals and birds with a shepherd. A typically English scene, "Stumped", is in an edition of 500 only at £135 each. Wildlife animals are about £19 to £20, waterfowl about £40 to £48 and an adorable mare and foal £39.50, as is a stallion who might live with them. Lists and stockists from Heredities—now delivered to many shops nationwide.

I must remind readers about Zodiac, the Astrological Emporium run by teddy-bear lover, Peter Bull, and his partner Don Busby. They delighted readers last year with their prompt mail order service from duplicated price lists and they maintain the good work. They have lovely things even if you are not astrologically minded, like glass and pottery. They have fun things too—both have a good sense of humour, and do not mind teasing or being teased. If you are astrologically inclined, then they will be your favourite local store for years, as they are to so many other believers. The address is 3 Kensington Mall (off Church Street), London, W8 (01-229 8032).

■ Glass, beautifully engraved with glowing enamel or topically engraved by laser, is at Leslie Creasey, a new shop at 64A South Audley Street, London, W1. Apart from a tempting stock built up in his own studio with his craft team, Creasey can offer you personalized glassware, delivered to the door, for just a few coppers under £5. Super goblets, loving cups and his enamelware cost more, obviously—I love the medieval look of the enamelled pieces. Telephone 01-499 5828.

■ General Trading Company manages to remain one of London's most elegant, attractive shops year after year despite the intense competition from nearby Harvey Nichols, beyond all question London's loveliest department store, if not the world's, and such a pleasure to shop in whether for furniture or small gifts. General Trading offers wit, charm, prettiness and originality whether in glass or china, metal or wood. For every room in the house, for collectors, for gourmets—and at all prices. The shop is at 144 Sloane Street, London, SW1. (01-730 0411).

■ A crazy gift for those who have everything is an espresso coffee maker, which gives you cups of capuccino and builds up a head of steam to froth the milk, heating it with the steam so that the froth stays afloat for ages on the hot coffee and there is no boiling over. Two models at £68 and £79.50 depending on size, etc. At General Trading and at Liberty of Regent Street, where you should also see some lovely, colourful French furniture.

■ From literally hundreds of children's books, I choose *The Egg that wouldn't Hatch* because it is the work of a rich girl who does not need to work but who now is making a bid to outshine her famous and loved mother (and, no, I am not saying who she is!). Gillian Houdret typed the book with two fingers (and now plans to learn using more) between coping with two sets of twins. The stories are those her children love. The eight-year-old twins tend to listen politely and enthralled all the way through. The four-year-olds fidget unashamedly and Gillian drops the story, starting again until she holds their attention. Superbly illustrated in colour by Margaret Nicklin—these two ladies have only just met but look forward to more collaboration. A lovely production at £2.95, published by Ward Lock, 116 Baker Street, London, W1. (01-486 3271).

■ Good value in kitchen things is pretty widespread but a throughly recommended little shop is Kitchen Gadgets, 44 Cathcart Road, London, SW10. Clear drawings in the catalogue, a prompt mail order service and a comprehensive range.

■ Happy Things catalogue is as unusual as any can be these days, when so many mail order firms do unusual things. First aid kits, moccasin kits, a French loaf mould (not easy to find in many areas) and presents for children are among a large collection of gifts for you and yours. Send 35p to 48 Millgate, Newark-on-Trent, Notts (Newark 72624). To help preserve Britain's heritage, support the National Trust by buying from their shops or mail order catalogue. Terrific tea towels, charming calendars, nice bath fragrance things. For local shops, catalogue and other information, write or phone The National Trust, Western Way, Melksham, Wilts. (Melksham 704545).

■ RSPCA gift catalogues have pet accessories as well as the more predictable gift lines like T-shirts calendars et al—RSPCA Trading, Causeway, Horsham, Sussex. British Heart Foundation shows a good selection of cards and wrappings as well as things for the home. Write to Heart Cards, 59 Gloucester Place, London, W1. Society for the Promotion of Nature Conservation is gifting us too, in a little catalogue from The Green, Nettleham, Lincoln (Lincoln 52326).

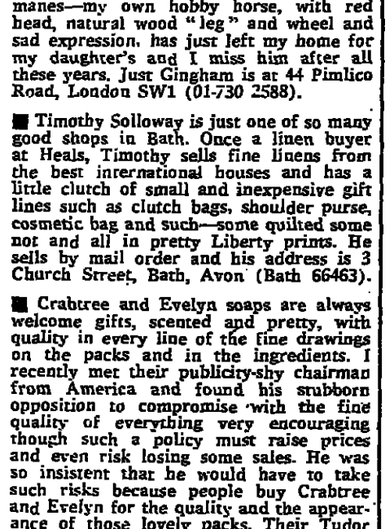
■ Breton knitwear, knitted in the fishing port of l'Orient, Brittany, these sweaters are strong, close-fitting, warm and protective from most weathers. Shoulders are of double reinforced wool for elasticity and strength, seams have extra strength, and the stitches are tight and even. The special blend of oiled wool gives this knitwear its famous resistance to water and these garments wash, wash and wash again without loss of shape. Plain style at from about £6.40 to £13.80 according to size; unisex collared style at £13 to £16; smart striped jacket at £25 to £38; and nice stripey ones from just under £7 to less than £15. Illustrated leaflets from Broadaker, Braye Road Industrial Estate, Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands (Guernsey 46818). This is the firm that sells those incredibly useful brackets to hold TV and Hi-Fi sets on the wall, in an alcove to be swung out, or just on the table top (to pivot and face either end of the room). A friend has his TV in the disused fireplace and just swings it out to be seen from dining area or lounging corner. Mine is on a table-top pivot.

■ I wrote of Just Gingham some time ago, when it was a mail order business. Now it is a shop—has been for some time—and it is hard to pass because everything looks so fresh and crisp. It is almost a guessing game to wonder what they can next make in their coordinated range of gingham whatnots. Sheets, pillowcases, bedding for babes and big people, seem obvious enough as do covers for waste-paper bins and coathangers. Would you have thought of bath caps, bread baskets, wallpaper, lampshades as well as clothes? Tablecloths and curtains are made to order but do not go mad. Check yourself. I like the hobby horses with gingham heads and white manes—my own hobby horse, with red head, natural wood "leg" and wheel and sad expression, has just left my home for my daughter's and I miss him after all these years. Just Gingham is at 44 Pimlico Road, London SW1 (01-730 2588).

■ Timothy Solloway is just one of so many good shops in Bath. Once a linen buyer at Heals, Timothy sells fine linens from the best international houses and has a little clutch of small and inexpensive gift lines such as clutch bags, shoulder purse, cosmetic bag and such—some quilted some not and all in pretty Liberty prints. He sells by mail order and his address is 3 Church Street, Bath, Avon (Bath 66463).

■ Crabtree and Evelyn soaps are always welcome gifts, scented and pretty, with quality in every line of the fine drawings on the packs and in the ingredients. I recently met their publicity-shy chairman from America and found his stubborn opposition to compromise with the fine quality of everything very encouraging though such a policy must raise prices and even risk losing some sales. He was so insistent that he would have to take such risks because people buy Crabtree and Evelyn for the quality and the appearance of those lovely packs. Their Tudor Country Soaps are packed six to a transparent box to show the drawings of damask rose, eglantine, musk rose, Scottish heather, English lavender or Devon violet. The six are £3.90 or each tablet can be bought separately for 65p. Good chemists, stores and gift shops everywhere and you just might find their lovely face creams and foodstuffs like Christmas pudding (great) and jams or marmalades with alcohol added so that it really tastes. Inquiries to C and E at 24/25 New Bond Street, London W1.

■ Talking of soap, there are funny his and hers holders at Cucina shops at 4a Ladbroke Grove, London W11 and 8 England's Lane, London NW3 (the mail order shop as well). Nice candles—the millefiori one again that takes ordinary candle refills and a replica of the old bomb-shaped Christmas pud etc. Lots of basket things too. But how many shops have basket things these days—one I like is near Cucina, at Elgin Crescent, London W11 (01-727 4594). But can one pick out any one? Basketry is good everywhere.



■ Dodo Designs reproductions of old enamel advertising plates, tins, posters are truly nostalgic and you can buy at the shop at 185 Westbourne Grove, London W11 (01-229 3132), by mail or at a goodly number of stockists of their wares around the country.



■ The Black and Decker chain sa the first I have tried. Indeed, always had rather a penchant f the things when visiting farms or with trees and saws. But the B a undoubtedly the wieldiest I have e and used. It is really light and ma able, a terrific tool. It will cut up 28 inches diameter as long as yo the blades around, making the cu the four compass points, as it we

I also highly commend the instr Graphic, well illustrated and full warnings that most firms leave which are necessary. They really good job on these and nobody sho it difficult to understand the techni handling this, to most, new tool. I it to someone whose glorious bee has been attacked by bark disease to be felled after hundreds of y developing an enormous span.

Vernon reckons the B and D excellent and only hopes that th ness of weight he enjoys goes wi life and durability—not having us with a plastic casing, however ton resilient, he cannot comment, bu sure the material has been well te guides well, has an industrially acc and proven 1,100 watt motor, cuts a 33 feet per second (cutting chain and has the safest lock-off, trigg switch to obviate accidental starts. insulation and . . . everything, in t all weighing only about 7½lb.

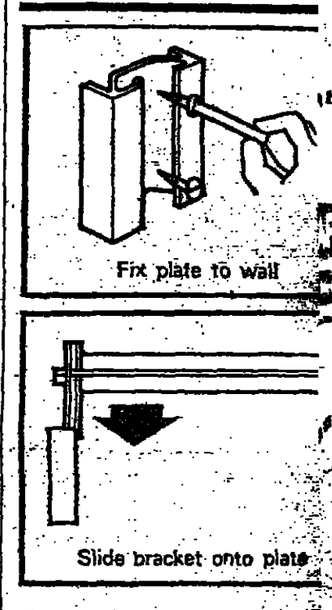
While listed at around £50 to have seen it discounted at sto Debenhams, in mail order house some builders' merchants or places right down to about £37. is widely on special offer, and gift for anyone with wood-burning wood, or just for anyone who likes ing with good tools. Information Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berks. 22130).

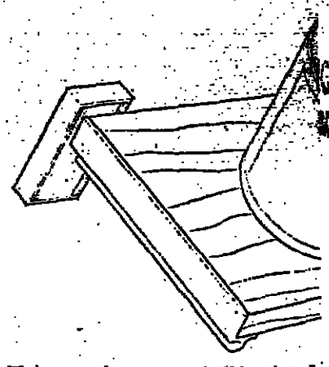
Trifles is a new boutique for antiques and presents for the family, even for their cats and dogs. On the right of the photograph is a Tooth Doll, an alternative to the carpet when it comes to hiding the tooth so that fairies can reward the bare-gummed loser—what is today's going rate? The tooth goes into a kind of kangaroo pocket and the money could always stay there until spent. Meanwhile, the doll is lovably ugly at £8 (or £5 as a DIY kit, which is fun). The toothbrush gun is the best idea of its kind, loved by the very young who learn to clean their teeth with this little plastic pistol handle—95p plus 10p. The two women who run the shop, Bonnie Morris and Diana Buhler, are Americans living near by, passionate shoppers, mad about antiques of all sizes and prices and busy hunting down exclusives. They have charming needlepoint picture frames from China and . . . but call at 239 A Fulham Road, London SW3. No telephone just yet. The lavender patterned doll on the left is lavender-filled. Nice on your bed—fragrant and charming at £2.50 (plus 50p postage). Made of cotton. From 47 Moreton, SW1 (01-821 0094).

Just a few of the hundreds and hundreds of delightful gifts from Peter Knight of Esher and Beaconsfield High Streets (telephone Esher 64122 or 66855 or Beaconsfield 5561/4). The cottage garden scented bag matches the tea cosy and oven glove of the same pattern, probably already bought from this source last year as they sold in thousands. Peter Rabbit soap, miniature pencil boxes and Jill-in-a-box, kits for starting patchwork or knitting, magic tricks, brass boxes and myriad things to make people really happy. The service is as good as ever and people still drive from miles away to complete their Christmas shopping and load up with pleasure. One of this year's winners must be the leather-covered hip flask with marks that show whether you are in (meaning in stock of the stuff), out or bunkered.



■ The Junglies are now interpreted by the cotton people, J and P Coats, into tapestries for children. Designed to be worked by children or adults each tapestry is 9 by 7 inches and costs £3.25 at most good needlework and craft shops. Inquiries to Coats Marketing Division at 16/25 Batswick Street, London EC1 (01-253 4752).





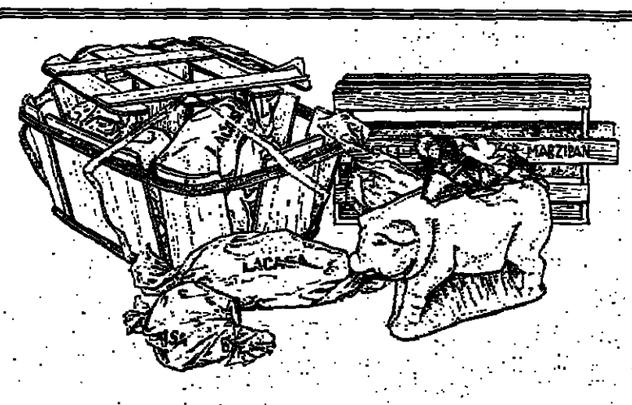
■ Among the neatest shelf brackets I ever seen are the satin-finish "gold "silver" from Elegant Living. Not a s in sight, just this neat little rectangle looks like an integral part of the which can hold heavy shelves of timber or what you will. You fix a to the wall, then slide the bracket ar by means of well-engineered groove either side of it. This hides the scre which the plate was fixed. A grin around the edges of the rectangle and have a fixing of which to be really pr See them at Elegant Living at 618 Kings Road, London, SW6 (Christopher Wray's Lighting Emporiu 01-736 2223. Prices work out well. example, a bracket arm 6 inches lon £2.30 the pair. They can be bought by or from Selfridges.

■ Whole Earth cares about brown rice, stoneground flour, flakes, beans and seeds that are good for us. Open in Willesden, it sells such things in reasonably useful quantities and adds a good many unrefined or organically grown products. Parking is easy, as it needs to be if you are taking away rice in packs weighing 20lb or more or 55lb of muesli base and a dozen 500g packs of pasta. The Whole Earth Warehouse is in Cobbold Road, London NW10 (01-451 3113).

Grays booklet shows food that is less concerned with your health than your palate since it specializes in canned or packaged convenience gourmet foods. The way to make life relaxed yet appetizing, easy yet pleasant is to get their booklet from Orchard Street, Worcester. (Worcester 352388).

Tumblers Bottom Herb Farm can sell you herb vinegars, scented or edible herbs and gifts made from herbs, hand-crafted and pretty. This year, Tumblers Bottom has been joined by Hullbrook House Herb Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford, Surrey (048-647 3666) and I promise myself a visit when next visiting my family in the area. The original Tumblers Bottom is at Kilmersdon, Near Radstock, Bath, Somerset (0761 34452). Lists available (not illustrated but most items are understandable from the text).

Whittard, 111 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-589 4261) is near the old Michelin building and its teas and coffees can almost be smelled from there. For lists of these, of crystallized fruits, cakes, stem ginger, honey and all kinds of goodies, write or phone. Grow your own food with Thompson and Morgan seeds, chosen from the new catalogue now ready to be sent from London Road, Ipswich, Suffolk (Ipswich 214226). Among about fifty new flower and vegetable varieties (plus one weed by popular request, namely Feverfew) is an onion I long to try. Spartan Sleeper grows well from seed or sets but has fine keeping qualities, avoiding the dreaded winter rot. Once mature, it just goes to sleep, neither sprouting, bolting nor rotting. Another new thing is the cabbage that tastes like an apple, the Big Apple, naturally.



Jacksons of Piccadilly and Sloane Street have attractive little bottles of eau de vie, flavoured with fruits and prettily labelled, for cooks who want a dash of framboise, kirsch, cassis etc. A pack of three is £6.29 for the 35° proof or £10.95 for the 70° proof. The bottles look the same and the flavour, though weaker or stronger, is the same.

For those who grow their own food, I like the idea of Micro-Mist Watering by Irrigation Systems. In fact, irrigation systems are becoming very much the trend and no wonder since those two really dry, hot summers we had. This year, a rainy summer was followed by a too-dry autumn and early winter so that we have had near-drought conditions again. Irrigation Systems has a simpler one than many and have indeed supplied some kits free to a special disabled and handicapped group because it is so easy to use. Each kit can irrigate a greenhouse measuring 12 by 8 feet or the equivalent in cloches. No valves, no pumps, little to go wrong. Adjustable spray jets do the job, giving a 180° or 360° spray. Useful in winter since fine spray on leaves prevents frost settling. At £14.95, (incl.) this is for the serious gardener and can be bought from the company at Bearah Farm, West Ogwell, Newton Abbott, Devon (Bicklington 274). personal callers, only mail order.

Self-sufficient gardeners may or not know about Smallholding Supplie company which started less than four y ago to supply farmers and gardeners the essential hardware. I love their logue and find myself wishing I still hens, milked cows, made sausages chopped great joints. They sell bread a grinding mill, Porosan and Kilner and sealing rings or caps, preserving p and all the things that any good hus dry needs. Books on homemade thi from candles to baskets, are sold by firm and there is much for backyard deners as well as for those who m want a cream separator (operated hand) at only £94. The catalogue is from Smallholding Supplies, The Cous side Store, The Old Palace, Priory R Wells, Somerset (Wells 72127).

Nobody will get confectionery from at Christmas but I accept that many to give and get sweets and chocolate I gave any, I would give the kind novelties they sell at the Merry branches, from which we took this l marzipan pig, sold in a little wooden for 95p (can be packed and posted for extra, if you think such high pos worthwhile). The other crate Lacasa s ralized fruits in dark chocolate £1.05 (3 MerryPaul also sells that one s I would buy or give, the Kendal M Cake, that crisply minty bar that is difficult to buy. For lists of mail or lines or for other details, write to Me Paul at 10 Victoria Arcade, Victoria Str London, SW1. Other shops at Oxford W in Oxford Street (near Bourne and E llingsworth); 59 Fleet Street and in Slo Square tube station.

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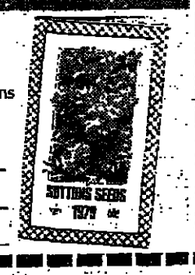
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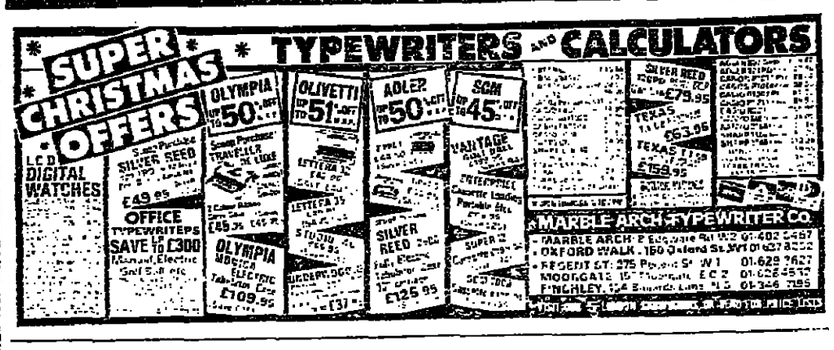
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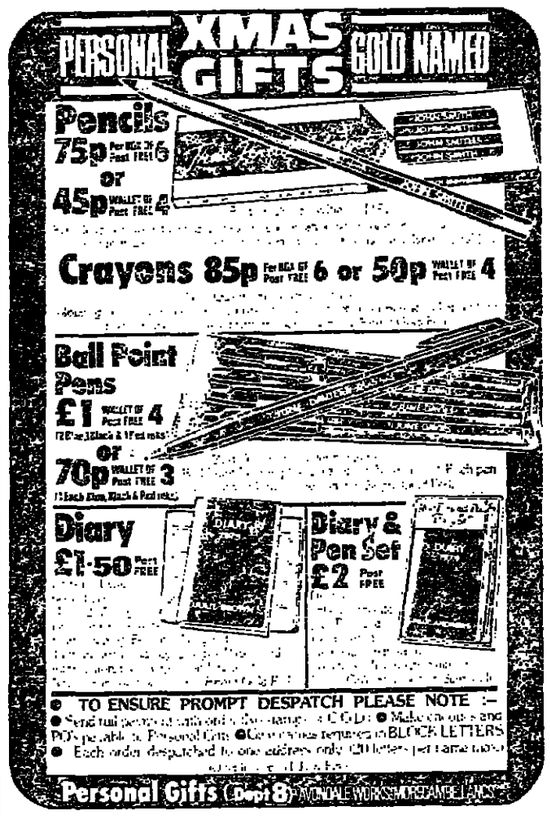
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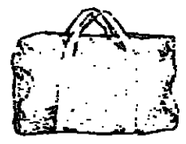


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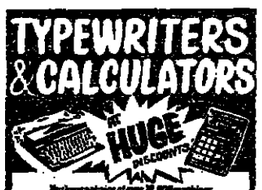
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DANAHAR.—On 22nd November, to Mary (née Davidson) and Gerald—a brother for James and Elizabeth (Daniel Courtenay).

ELLIS.—On 23rd November, to Caroline and Edward—a daughter (Henrietta Christine).

GRANT.—On 24th November, at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Rosamond (née Carson) and Colin—a daughter, sister for Fiona.

HOLLINGSWORTH.—On 23rd Nov., at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Sheilagh (née McCallum) and Tim—a son.

SMITH.—On Nov 21st in Barbara (née Colley) and Neil—a son (David).

WEIR.—On November 22nd, in Paris, to Hande (née Charpentier) and Jaime—a daughter (Victoria).

MARRIAGES

BLACK : DIDHAM.—On 3 November, 1978, in San Diego, Cal., U.S.A., David, eldest son of Captain and Mrs. C. Black (U.S.N.), of San Diego, to Lillie Lee, younger daughter of Major and Mrs. Richard J. Didham of Malindi, Kenya.

MARRIAGES

BROOKS : BRUNTON.—At St. Margaret's, East Wellow, on November 18, 1978, David Patrick, son of Dr and Mrs David R. Brooks, 6 Charles Street, London, W.1, to Jane Rosie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander G. Brunton, Ravensdowne, Buttons Lane, West Wellow.

KENNY : RODRIGUEZ.—On 4th November, 1978, in Nairobi, Christopher Peter Kenny of Widnes, to Clara Eugenia Uribe Rodriguez of Bogota. The reception took place in Langata and the honeymoon was spent in Turtle Bay, Malindi.

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DEATHS

ADEY, FRANK.—On November 23, aged 62, at Guy's Hospital, Nuffield House, after long and painful illness most admirably borne, beloved husband of Doreen, much loved son and brother, beloved father to Delphine and John, and father-in-law to John and Marianne, proud grandfather of Katrine, Nicola, Marie, Helen and Matthew. Cremation at Randall's Park, Leatherhead, on Thursday, November 30, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please; donations in lieu if desired to Department of Haematology Fund, Guy's Hospital, London.

ALLPORT.—On November 23rd, Winifred Muriel (née Dagleish), of Greenlands Nursing Home, Denmark Road, Gloucester, widow of James Aston Allport.

BEATTIE.—On November 24, 1978, Marjorie, wife of John Beattie, Ivy Cottage, Reigate Heath, after a long illness, beautifully endured "with Christ". Funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Reigate, on Wednesday, November 29, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please.

BOWER, GEORGE.—Beloved husband of Joanne and father of Phoebe, on 21st Nov. Private funeral. Memorial service later.

DE LA POER BERESFORD.—On November 21, 1978, Julian W. of Garson House, Lynton, younger son of the late Marcus de La Poer Beresford.

DICKINSON.—On 23rd November, 1978, peacefully in a nursing home, Arthur Harold (Dickie) Dickinson, C.M.G., O.B.E., late of Swallows Corner, Maidenhead. Funeral private. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research. All inquiries to Bracher Brothers, Funeral Directors, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel. Gillingham 3494.

EWBANK.—On November 22, at Lancrigg Nursing Home, Grasmere, Frances Helen Ewbank, aged 98 years, widow of Sir Robert Ewbank, KL, C.S.I., C.I.E., J.P.

FLOYD, GEOFFRY THOMAS, after great suffering, peacefully, on November 18, 1978, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl. In most loving memory always of Daddy and Grandpa, from Tony, Ann, Andy and Betsy.

GARDINER.—On 22nd Nov., 1978, suddenly but peacefully at home, Brigadier Richard A. Gardiner, M.B.E., most beloved husband of Peggy and much loved father of Noel and Piers. Cremation private. Please, no flowers—donations to cancer research if desired.

GLASS.—On November 22nd, Hannah Enid, wife of the late Marcus Glass, F.R.I.B.A., deeply mourned by her son Brian, daughter Denise Williams, daughter-in-law Shirley, son-in-law Norman, and her grandchildren, Janet, Robin, Marcus and Wendy. Prayers at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, November 27th only, at 44 The Ridgeway, N.W.11.

GOLDSCHMIDT, MARIE ("Malie"), aged 73, on Friday, November the 24th, at Larkbeare, 85 Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

LYALL, ROBERT.—On November 23rd in London, aged 70. Loved and loving husband of Joan and dear father of Julia, Michael, and Joanna. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday, November 28th at 2.15 pm. Enquiries and flowers to John Nodes Funeral Service, 181 Ladbroke Grove, W.1. Telephone 01-969 1819.

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SLOCOCK.—On November 23rd, Nona Merriman, in her 90th year, last surviving child of the late Reverend and Mrs. F. H. Slocock, and beloved aunt of all her nieces and nephews. Funeral service will take place on Wednesday, the 29th of November, 2 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead. Cut flowers only, please. All inquiries to F. G. Pymm and Son, Maidenhead. Telephone 25820.

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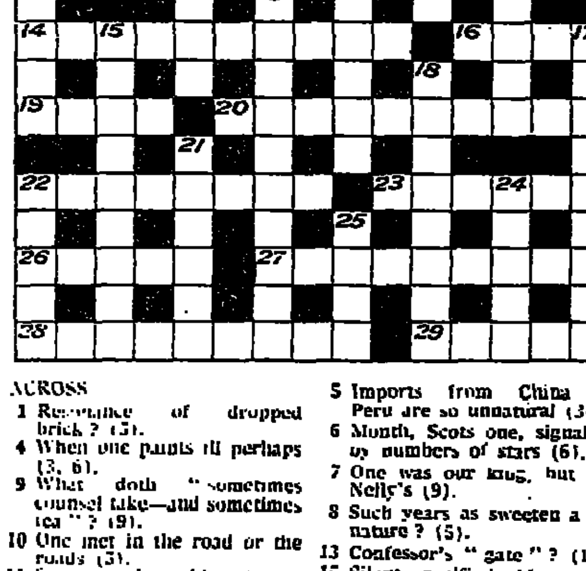
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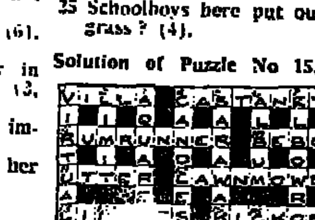
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1 Resemblance of dropped brick? (5).
4 When one paints ill perhaps (3, 6).
9 What doth "sometimes counsel take—and sometimes tea"? (9).
10 One met in the road or the roads (5).
11 Sweet, and so kissable, to Feste (6).
12 One not far off 11 (8).
14 Finnish-Indian flapper (6, 4).
16 Or the story of "Barnet and the matches" (4).
19 Cryptically one's ages (4).
20 What on paper could be the north of Wellington backing the monarch (4, 6).
22 He left seeds scattered, not caring (8).
23 Agent penniless? Right (6).
26 Rubicon—Hamlet's (5).
27 Suggesting individuality in the totalitarian state? (3, 3, 3).
28 Squared gunpowder imports? (3-6).
29 Beer is out of place for her graduation (5).

DOWN
1 One takes hands (4-3).
2 Who am I, beset by an irritant theme of Mussorgsky's? (5).
3 One burned, but not Blake's hearth [...]
4 A simple [...] briefly imp[...]
5 Imports from China or Peru are so unnatural (3-7).
6 Month, Scots one, signalled by numbers of stars (6).
7 One was our king, but not Nelly's (9).
8 Such years as sweeten a 7's nature? (5).
13 Confessor's "gate"? (10).
15 Silent pacific-looking man captivated him (9).
17 Where our 10 takes the swag (9).
18 Hill commands hire charges in fierce floods (8).
21 Lear's little white dog (6).
22 Wear that should not wear off (5).
24 His tricks "anthematically" anathematized (5).
25 Schoolboys here put out to grass? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,065

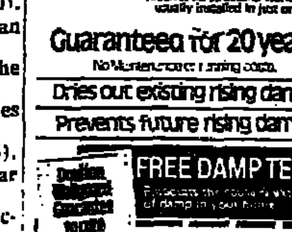


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Mr Teng Hsiao-ping: Popular acclaim

to eat or decent clothes to wear. These days we are always being told how much better socialism is than other systems. Tell me how socialism is better."—Agence France-Presse.

Journalists cheered. One dazed diplomat among the foreigners who were cheered while reading wall posters in Peking yesterday said that he had never seen anything like it in all his years in China.

"Never have I been mobbed like this. It was unimaginable in language school that one would one day be surrounded by crowds in Peking, discussing the merits of democracy and law," he said.

When the crowd heard that some of the foreigners were correspondents, the cry went up: "Make way for the journalists", to let them get closer.

The liberal thoughts expounded for the past week in Peking posters seem to have inspired a new atmosphere of frank inquiry. One favourite question has been whether foreigners could criticize their own leaders without being punished.

The posters began appearing last weekend, shortly after the declaration that riots in Tien An Men Square two years ago were revolutionary—the communist world's highest accolade—and not counter-revolutionary as they were labelled at the time.

The incident is now portrayed as a popular rebellion against the extremist "gang of four", and angry citizens want the trial and punishment of offficials who put down the outburst.—Reuter.

Peter Hazelhurst writes from Tokyo: Mr Teng said today that the Communist Party would not suppress the latest wall poster campaign but would refuse to lend an official voice to endorse the posters which attack the late Chairman Mao.

Speaking to a visiting delegation of Japanese politicians in the Great Hall of the People, Mr Teng is reported to have declared: "We are calm while foreigners are making a great fuss over these wall posters.

"In the beginning we made an attempt to stop the campaign. We thought the masses would oppose attempts to use Chairman Mao's name. The leaders were opposed to it and I am not supporting it. But we should not check the demand of the masses to speak".

Quoting "reliable sources" in Peking, Japanese newspapers suggested today that Mr Teng may soon assume the post of Prime Minister, while Mr Hua, the incumbent, will retain his position as Chairman.

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Two divers drown as bell floods in rescue

Two divers drowned yesterday when their damaged diving bell flooded as rescue teams trained it 380 feet from the bottom of the North Sea off Orkney. They had been trapped for nearly eight hours since the bell's lifeline broke as it was lowered alongside the Beryl Alpha platform in Mobil (North Sea) Ltd's Beryl Field at 6.30 am.

One of the divers was Mr Michael Ward, married, of Dibden Purlieu, near Southampton.

The company said it was thought the life-line had been severed by mooring wires of the Haakon Magnus, a semi-submersible accommodation vessel moored alongside the platform when the bell's mother ship was blown off position by a heavy squall.

It was believed the door in the bottom of the bell was damaged when it hit the sea-bed and that water seeped in after the lifting operation began.

The two men were thought to have enough air to stay alive until 8 pm. The lift was made at 2 pm.

A Mobil spokesman said that immediately after the squall the bell had been lost for a time and then traced by four divers who went down in another bell. "They got thumbs up from the two men inside to say they were alive and well." The bell was upright but embedded in soft mud.

At that time the rescuers were confident they could lift it before the oxygen gave out, but they did not know whether the bell had been damaged, and were concerned that the trapped men might be suffering extreme cold. The severing of the lifeline meant the loss of a warm-water system.

Conditions in the North Sea were very rough. The squall that hit the mother vessel badly damaged its bridge, mast and radio aerials.

Both of the dead men worked for Northern Divers Ltd, of Aberdeen. They were connecting a flow line to a concrete storage cell under the Beryl Alpha platform. The work had been done and they were about to be hauled up when the line was severed.

Radio contact was reestablished after a line was attached by divers working from another bell.

The Department of Energy said that members of the Diving Inspectorate were leaving for the North Sea last night.

Last March a similar rescue operation was carried out successfully in the North Sea. Two divers were saved after being trapped 365 feet below the surface 70 miles off Lerwick, Shetland, in a minisubmarine that had become entangled with a cable as it was being brought to the surface.

Boumediene 'improvement'

Algiers, Nov 26.—President Boumediene has begun to emerge from a coma and will not have to undergo surgery, the Algerian news agency said tonight.

The President, who is 51, fell into a coma nine days ago and doctors considered operating to remove a blood clot.

Evidence that Christians harassing peacekeeping troops are receiving outside support

UN commander accuses Israel of impeding Lebanon role

From Robert Fisk
Tibnin, South Lebanon
Nov 26

Eight months after the United Nations sent its troops into southern Lebanon to return the area to the authority of the Lebanese Government, firm evidence is reaching United Nations military commanders that Israel is carrying on a sustained—and sometimes provocative—campaign to prevent the international force from carrying out its mandate.

Armed soldiers of the regular Israeli Army are still in Lebanon—a platoon of Israeli troops regularly patrols three miles inside the country—and three Israeli positions remain on the Lebanese side of the frontier. Almost daily shells and machine-gun fire are directed at United Nations troops from tanks and guns just north of the Israeli border.

They are presumably fired by right-wing Lebanese forces, although the United Nations are not always certain of this. Shell fragments have consistently proved to be of Israeli origin.

More sinister still is the recent identification by the United Nations of three Israeli Army liaison officers who were seen among a gang of Lebanese Christian gunmen when they broke into the compound of the United Nations headquarters at Naqqura last month.

While they were there, the Christians kidnapped two Muslim Lebanese Army officers and destroyed a Lebanese military helicopter as United Nations troops looked on.

The United Nations entered Lebanon in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion last March and, since that date, they have steadily tried to take over the 900 square kilometres of territory stretching from the Litani river down to the Israeli frontier.

After skirmishes with Palestinian guerrillas—followed by an interminable series of discussions with local leftist and Palestinian leaders—the United Nations succeeded in setting up checkpoints across two thirds of this area.

But the Israelis handed over the remaining third—stretching across the country parallel to the Israeli border—not to the United Nations but to the Lebanese Christian militias who are armed, supplied and, it seems, controlled by the Israeli Army.

United Nations soldiers now come under fire from this strip of land almost every day. In just one sector alone—under the command of the Irish 43rd and 44th Infantry Battalions—they have this month come under machine-gun fire on 16 occasions and have been shelled or mortared four times.

United Nations position 8-14 just south of the village of Tibnin has had so many bullets directed at it that the United Nations military administration has told the Irish not to send in specific details of shooting incidents unless the post is hit.

The sandbagged emplacement on the top of 8-14 is scored with bullet holes.

The Israelis claim that they do not exercise "control" over the Christian militias but most United Nations soldiers have come to regard this with considerable cynicism. An official recalled how one junior officer—not with the Irish battalion—received a radio call from an Israeli soldier to "warn" him that the Christians were about to fire their artillery and that the Israelis could not be held responsible.

"The Israeli", he said, "came on the radio, made his excuses and shouted: 'The Christians are going to fire in about six seconds—five—four—three—two—one'—and a couple of seconds later, shells started landing behind the United Nations lines."

In an interview with *The Times*, General Emmanuel Erskine, the United Nations force commander in Lebanon, described the presence of three Israelis among the gunmen as an Israeli "violation" of the United Nations mandate in Lebanon. He said that he has protested about the incident to the government in Tel Aviv. So far, they have preferred to make no comment on the affair.

It seems obvious, however, that Israel is not going to countenance a United Nations presence along its border. This would, after all, lose it the pro-Israeli security zone in southern Lebanon which the Christians maintain for them. At the same time, the intensity of the shooting suggests that the Israelis also want to demonstrate to the United Nations that any more further south will be met with force. Perhaps they also want to prove the United Nations impotence.

ITN team back after 110-day bush ordeal

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Nov 26

Mr Michael Nicholson, the Johannesburg-based correspondent of Independent Television News, and a film crew of two returned here early today after being stranded in Angola for the past 110 days. They were rescued from an airstrip at Mapupa in the south-east of the territory by a British-piloted jet which was chartered by ITN.

Mr Nicholson, Mr Tom Phillips, cameraman, and Mr Micky Doyle, sound engineer, flew to southern Angola on August 5 to report on the activities of Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the Cuban and Russian-backed Angolan Government forces. They had intended to stay only 10 days but were forced to remain an extra 100 because of an anti-Unita offensive carried out by the Government forces.

Looking surprisingly fit despite his ordeal, which included having to march about 2,000 miles through dense bush, Mr Nicholson said the Angolan Government side, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), had been aware of his clandestine arrival in the territory because they had succeeded in breaking Unita's Moroccan-advised radio codes.



Mr Nicholson at his Johannesburg home with his wife after his long march.

Three days after their arrival the lorry in which they were travelling was ambushed by a combined force of MPLA troops and units belonging to the South-west Africa People's Organization. The lorry, which was also carrying supplies of petrol, was hit 17 times, but only two Unita soldiers were wounded.

The ambush coincided with the start of the offensive against Unita in which, he said, the MPLA forces used French-built Puma troop-carrying helicopters piloted by East Germans. The Angolan ground troops were also being commanded by East Germans at platoon level, he added. He was told that between 30 and 50 Cuban tanks were also used in the operation.

Mr Nicholson and his team then walked for seven and a half weeks to Dr Savimbi's headquarters at Caundo, south of the Angolan garrison town of Serpa Pinto.

Dr Savimbi told him that he had 12,000 fully trained and armed men under his command and between 8,000 and 10,000 reservists. He had sufficient ammunition to last three years.

Mr Nicholson said morale was very high within Unita, although the movement had lost a considerable amount of territory during the MPLA offensive. However Unita still controlled large sections of the Benguela railway line which would enable them to keep it closed indefinitely.

Mr Nicholson said Unita was continuing to receive most of its supplies from South Africa. He saw bags of maize and rice and drums of diesel fuel bearing South African labels.

Mr Nicholson said the South Africans had rejected an appeal by Unita and ITN to fly out Mr Doyle who collapsed when they were marching south after leaving Dr Savimbi's headquarters.

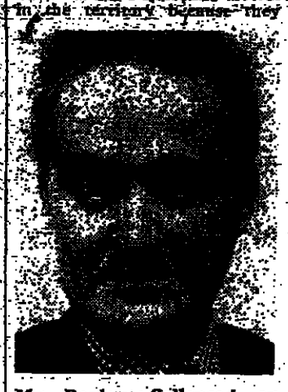
A Staff Reporter writes: Mr Nicholson, on last night's ITN news described how he stopped rebel soldiers shooting down the aircraft sent to rescue them from the bush.

Although Unita had supplied a guide for the rescue, the men on the ground did not seem aware that the jet was coming and were preparing to fire on it when Mr Nicholson jumped into the clearing.

"I waved my arms in the air and shouted 'it's ours'," Mr Nicholson said in an interview with fellow reporter Sandy Gall. The rebels saw him laughing and realized they were not under attack and the private charter jet was able to land safely.

In the marathon trek that followed they had to tackle scorpions, snakes, plagues of flies, intense heat, and the monotony of marching up to 12 hours a day. It took them seven weeks to locate Dr Savimbi.

Mr Doyle had to have his toe nails removed because they were damaged by the constant walking. Mr Phillips fell ill after being badly bitten by an insect.



Mr Doyle: Collapsed on march south.



Mr Phillips: Became ill after insect bite.

Maze prison deputy governor killed

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Mr Albert Miles, the deputy governor of the Maze prison, Long Kesh, was shot dead on the doorstep of his home in Belfast last night in an attack believed to have been carried out by members of the Provisional IRA.

The shooting, which took place as Mr Miles was answering a knock at his door, was the most serious incident yet in a campaign for the restoration of political status for convicted IRA men in Ulster's prisons.

Mr Miles was the most senior member of the prison service to have been killed by terrorists in Northern Ireland. In October last year Mr Desmond Irvine, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, was shot in another part of Belfast.

The Maze is the largest prison in Northern Ireland. It was the site of the camp where internees were held before detention without trial was abolished.

In recent week the "dirty protest" campaign by 330 Republic prisoners who refuse to wear prison clothing, wash or shave, or use lavatories, has been causing growing concern to the Government because of the threat of disease inside the jail and the attention the protest has attracted from international sources, particularly Irish Americans.

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Lynch-Callaghan talks on EMS

Mr Jack Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, arrived in London last night for talks today on the European Monetary System (EMS) with Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister.

Mr Lynch discussed the EMS with President Giscard d'Estaing of France last week. He will fly to Bonn later today for talks with Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor.

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Death toll in Sri Lanka cyclone exceeds 500

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Nov 26

Up to 500 people are feared to have died in a cyclone which struck Sri Lanka on Friday. Some reports put the death toll as high as a thousand.

At least a million people have been rendered homeless.

No accurate assessment of the death toll is possible as there was no count of bodies that floated down rivers; furthermore many buildings which collapsed have still not been cleared especially in remote areas.

It is known that at least 150 people have died in Batticaloa, a town on the east coast, which was the first to be hit by the cyclone. Not one building his been left with its roof intact. All the coconut trees in the area have been uprooted by the winds.

In the confusion of the cyclone, 180 prisoners held in Batticaloa jail escaped.

At Sigiriya, it is feared that the world-famous frescoes in the rock fortress have been damaged beyond repair.

Rescue and relief work is organized by the island's armed forces and there have also been offers of assistance from Britain, the United States and other countries.

An Indian Air Force aircraft and two helicopters were the first to arrive from abroad.

While the cyclone has now cleared away from Sri Lanka, many parts of the island are still flooded.

President J. R. Jayewardene has ordered that rescue operations should be placed on a war footing.

The floods have also caused a serious setback to food production as irrigation tanks in the north-central rice bowl have been breached.

Labour facing critical Ford sanctions vote

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

The Government is facing a critical vote in the Commons on its economic policy after today's expected announcement that sanctions are to be taken against the Ford Motor Company for paying wage increases well above the 5 per cent guideline.

While the Shadow Cabinet has postponed a decision until the formal announcement is made, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and her colleagues are expected when they meet on Wednesday to force a debate next week.

With the Government dependent on at least some of the minority parties for survival, a vote could be gravely embarrassing if it fails to persuade all of them of the need to impose sanctions if its pay policy is to have any credibility.

The Liberals have voted against sanctions in the past, but shadow ministers are viewing Conservative tactics with caution. One of them said last night: "We can not rely upon the Ulster Unionists backing us".

Ministers will wish to avoid a vote, because they are vulnerable in the division lobbies and they do not want to give the Tories the satisfaction of trumpeting a Government defeat during the Christmas parliamentary recess, which begins on December 15.

Government business managers have also to reckon with the fact that there are some MPs on their own back benches who are opposed to sanctions, taking the line of the TUC that sanctions cut across the principle of free collective bargaining.

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The outside information

It is true you can't judge a book by its cover, but the author's name can be a good recommendation.

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Romania defies Soviet Union

President Ceausescu of Romania has defied the Soviet Union and announced that his country would not be making an increased military contribution to the Warsaw Pact. He has just returned from Moscow
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A plea for England

An English assembly was needed to defend English interests after devolution and to solve the "explosive" question of Welsh and Scottish MPs determining English domestic issues while the corresponding rights of English MPs had been withdrawn, a Scottish Tory MP said
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Muldoon victory

New Zealand returned Mr Robert Muldoon's National Party to power in Saturday's elections, but cut the party's majority from 21 to six
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Council blocks oil at new terminal

The £800m Sullom Voe terminal in Shetland started receiving its first oil by pipeline from the North Sea yesterday, but a dispute between 34 oil companies and Shetland Islands council is preventing tankers from using the oil port to take on the crude oil
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Pollution 'success'

The operation to prevent pollution by the tanker Christos Bitas was one of the biggest of its kind successfully conducted at sea, a report on the incident says. The report answers questions raised at the time
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'Sunday Times' loss of 568,000 copies

The Sunday Times lost 568,000 copies of what may be its last issue for some time. The management of Times Newspapers Ltd said it was the biggest shortfall since it announced that it would suspend publication on November 30 unless new agreements were reached with the unions
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English assembly needed to avert 'explosive' consequences of devolution, Scottish Tory MP says

From Ronald Faux
Peebles

The creation of an English assembly, parallel to those proposed for Scotland and Wales, would be the surest way of making possible further constitutional reform that would strengthen rather than weaken the unity of the United Kingdom, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, a leading devolutionist among Scottish Tories, said yesterday at the annual conference of the Scottish Young Conservatives at Peebles.

Mr Rifkind, who represents Edinburgh, Pentlands, argued that the fundamental defect in the Government's Devolution Bill was that it allowed the 119 Scots, Welsh and Ulster MPs continuing power to determine English domestic issues when the corresponding right of English MPs had been withdrawn. That would be of explosive political relevance.

The creation of an English assembly would resolve this, and allow Westminster to concern itself exclusively with matters affecting the United Kingdom as a whole. It also would allow the maintenance of a Parliament with similar powers and responsibilities for all British MPs, and resolve the problem of whether Scotland and Wales were over-represented in the House of Commons as a consequence of devolution.

While the creation of an English Assembly alongside those for Scotland and Wales would provide overwhelming justification for reducing the size of the Commons, the present number of Scots and Welsh MPs could remain without creating any sense of grievance.

It was imperative for "Unionists" to concentrate on achieving a constructive alternative to the Government's "partisan politically inspired schemes".

The solution was that if there was to be devolution and a radical reform of the British constitution, it should be implemented for the whole of the United Kingdom and not for selected regions.

Such a comprehensive reform of the constitution would not necessarily produce a federal system, although the similarities would be very substantial.

The form of an English assembly would in itself be controversial, but there was no need for it to be a mere carbon copy of that proposed for Scotland. Its composition and functions could be based on English needs rather than on any uniform British pattern.

Mr Rifkind rejected the arguments for creating regional assemblies within England. The popular desire for such a massive transformation did not exist outside the North-east and possibly the South-west. "To insist on carving up England in such a fashion would create widespread resentment, be very expensive and lead to gross over-government."

Such hostility need not exist towards an English assembly because England was a natural unit and its people had a national identity and history.

"If devolution for Scotland and Wales becomes a reality, a devolved assembly for England will be the only means of ensuring that the English do not suffer as a result."

Earlier the Scottish Young Conservatives had voted by 78 to 65 against a resolution agreeing to campaign for a "No" vote in the referendum, but reaffirmed a commitment to a directly elected Scottish assembly, believing that the party should have the long-term aim of a federal government structure for the United Kingdom.

A party spokesman said afterwards that it should not be taken as a sign that the Young Conservatives would campaign in favour of the Government's proposals.

Campaign launching: Labour opponents of devolution will formally launch their "Vote no" campaign at a press conference in Glasgow today.



Competitors facing an up-hill struggle during the National Schoolboys Cyclo-Cross Championships at Stratford, London, yesterday, improvised by pushing or carrying their cycles on one tough section of the course.

Call by MP for juries who speak Welsh

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

The Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General are to be asked to reexamine the status of the Welsh language in court cases after last week's conspiracy case in Carmarthen Crown Court, in which two members of the Welsh Language Society were sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Last night Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarvon, said he would be urging the Government to establish the right for Welsh-speaking people to have their cases heard before Welsh-speaking juries.

At last week's trial the judge, defence counsel, court officials and defendants were Welsh-speaking, but during the hearing 10 of the jury preferred to wear equipment that enabled them to hear a simultaneous translation of proceedings in Welsh.

Before a jury was sworn in Mr Hywel Moseley, for the defendants, challenged the potential jurors "on the ground that the officer selecting the jury panel had acted with bias and/or improperly".

In a written submission to Judge Morgan Hughes, Mr Moseley said: "The said officer has acted as aforesaid in not choosing the jury panel at random from the electoral lists, but has unintentionally chosen a disproportionate number of persons having traditionally English surnames to serve on the panel."

While they were being sworn in Mr Moseley challenged seven of them.

His application for an adjournment for a statistical analysis of the registers was refused, as was his earlier application for the jury to be all Welsh-speaking.

The status of the Welsh language in courts in Wales was outlined in 1973 by the Lord Chancellor at that time, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, who made a statement on the Welsh Language Act, 1967, and outlined recommendations made by Lord Justice Edmund Davies.

Mr Newton due to take stand at Thorpe hearing

Slow ritual of Minehead drama

From Trevor Fishlock
Minehead

A circle will be completed this week when Andrew Gino Newton alleged to have been hired to shoot Norman Scott and rid Jeremy Thorpe of a haunting scandal, enters Minehead Magistrates' Court to give his evidence in the second week of the Thorpe conspiracy hearing.

It was 33 months ago that from this same oak-panelled courtroom Mr Newton was sent for trial at Exeter Crown Court, where he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for having a gun with intent to endanger life.

The proceedings have settled into a measured pace and there is about the court an atmosphere of low-key ritual in which the sting and surprise in some of the things that are said are drained away by the nature of the procedure.

Everyone is working patiently. Lawyers, police officers and clerks gather round, cheek by jowl, with their bundles, stacks and sheaves of papers, their dossiers, dockets, files and books, rather like old women stolidly and communally working on a great unfolding patchwork quilt into which they carefully sew their own pieces of fabric. It is a slow, dry and earnest ceremony in which the participants are unpressed by clock or calendar.

The three magistrates say nothing, but sit like three birds on a telephone wire, looking down on the two long pews where the lawyers sit, bunched and grey like seals. On their right is the witness box, on which so much attention is focused.

There are other spectators: Mr Thorpe faces the magistrates, sitting behind the lawyers' benches. He is, as ever, smart-suited and dapper, sitting crosslegged as if in a debate in another place.

He drives from his home every morning with his wife, Marion, and enters the court a minute or two before the start, casting his eyes around and greeting and shaking hands with people he recognizes: "So nice to see you here."

As the witnesses give evidence, he puts on his gold-rimmed half-moon spectacles and toys with his gold signet ring. Across the aisle from him sits George Deakin, the gaming machine businessman from South Wales, sandy haired, smart, who sometimes reads *The Sun*. Next to him is John Le Mesurier, amply chinned and dark suited. Not far from him is David Holmes.

All four defendants, although the centre of it all, seem somehow at the ringside, close to, but not part of, the action.

At the back of the small court, on the magistrates' right, are about thirty reporters, scribbling in notebooks on their knees, who translate the low-key proceedings of the court into the high-key stuff of the next day's newspapers.

Across the aisle are the members of the public, who queue every morning outside the court for the few seats at this most extraordinary hearing. Always in the public gallery, only a matter of feet from her husband, is Mrs Marion Thorpe.

The local newspaper, meanwhile, presents a small front-page scoop of its own, a picture and a story of a Great Dane dog whose claim to fame is that its aunt was Mr Scott's unfortunate Rinka, shot dead on Exmoor three years ago.

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Conference fear of stricter law on abortion

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Any new attempt to res the present abortion laws be firmly resisted, 500 gates to the Trades U Conference on Abo decided in London on S day. If necessary, trade un should campaign to abolish conscience vote for MPs.

The conference, organize the National Abo Campaign, was designed to ther the policy adopted by Trades Union Congress year that all women sh have a right to free contra tion and abortion on req through the National He Service.

It was clear that many gates feared that ano attempt to introduce a Bill on abortion would made this session, but Labour MPs would have a vote on the issue.

Mrs Marie Patterson, member of the General Cou of the TUC and nati officer of the Transport General Workers' Union, the conference that the T reaffirmed its opposition any Bill designed to m abortion more restricted.

"Any attempt to dilute present legislation can onl construed as a direct ass on the position of wom Mrs Patterson said. "F more, it would be a di assault against working women."

Four of the MPs in the 10 places in the ballot for vate members' Bills against abortion, Dr Beaumont, a member National Abortion Campaign told the conference. The ernment, she said, had sh that it was not serious a abortion rights for wo since it had been prepared make conciliatory m towards the anti-abortionists.

Dr Beaumont said the union movement had a res sibility to use its power to fluence the Labour Party ference and the machinery the party to do more to im ment its declared policy abortion. Trade unions she insist, she said, that Lab MPs should follow p policy, not their conscience

The conference unanimo adopted resolutions calling campaigns to provide adequ day care abortion units on health service and to ens that trade unions adopt at tion policies.

568,000 copies of 'Sunday Times' lost

By Our Labour Staff

The Sunday Times yesterday lost 568,000 copies of what may be the last issue for some time if the management of Times Newspapers Ltd proceeds with suspension of its publications on Thursday.

It was the biggest shortfall since the company said it would suspend publication from November 30 unless new agreements on working arrangements and industrial relations were reached with the unions.

The management said last night that the machine chapels (office branches) of the National Graphical Association (NGA) and the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) had held meetings in working time at the beginning of the shift.

It added that production during the night had been abnormally slow and that for the seventh week in the last eight, members of the Natsopa machine chapel had left work an hour early.

The meeting of the NGA machine managers had in particular contributed to production starting an hour and 20 minutes late, the management said.

Mr Dugal Nisbet-Smith, general manager of Times Newspapers Ltd, said last night: "This could be the last *Sunday Times* for some time. It is sad but wholly indicative of our problem that even at this last hour some union members cannot resist a final merciless savaging of this great newspaper."

Mr Reginald Brady, father (chairman) of the Natsopa machine chapel of *The Sunday Times*, said last night that the purpose of his meeting, which he said had lasted between five and seven minutes, was to urge his members to work as hard as possible to finish the print run by 4 am.

Mr Brady said: "Practically everything that could go wrong mechanically did during the night."

Mr Victor Dunn, father of the NGA machine managers' chapel, said that the meeting of his members, which was to discuss the November 30 deadline, lasted from 3 pm to 4 pm. The management had not raised with him during the night the question of a shortfall of copies attributable to the machine managers' actions.

When The Times could be silenced, page 12

Government tried to wreck directive, delegates allege

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Telegrams accusing the British Government of trying to sabotage the proposed European directive on equality in social security were sent to Brussels last night, on the eve of the Council of Ministers' meeting to finalize the draft.

More than 200 delegates to a London conference on women and social security sent a telegram to Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, demanding that "the Government complies with the spirit of its own Sex Discrimination Act and accepts in full the provisions and timing of the draft directive".

Telegrams sent to the Council of Ministers and the European Commission urged that the draft directive be adopted and deplored "the British Government's attempt to sabotage the directive".

The conference, organized by the National Council for Civil Liberties, was concerned that British ministers will try today to further dilute the already weakened directive. They are thought to be against extending children's benefits paid with unemployment or sickness benefit to working wives as well as working husbands.

The European Commission supports the principle that either spouse should be able to claim extra benefits for dependants. But the British Government is thought to oppose it on the ground of cost, although the measure would cost less than £30m a year.

Miss Ruth Lister, deputy director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said the directive already excludes many social security benefits where women in Britain are treated less favourably than men.

They include invalidity benefits, where women cannot claim dependency benefits on the same basis as men; the family income supplement, which a married woman cannot claim even when she is the sole breadwinner in the family; and the range of non-contributory disability benefits.

Mr Edward James, head of the social security division of the labour and social affairs directorate-general at Brussels, told the conference that the British social security system already meets most of the terms of the directive.

The two areas where Britain did not comply were dependency benefits and the adoption of the principle that women should be treated equally in occupational pension schemes as well as having equal access to them.

Mr James told the conference that the British Government supported the second principle largely because it had needed to persuade the private pensions interests in order to get its new earnings-related state pension scheme through.

He forecast that today's meeting of the Council of Ministers would be concerned mainly with two issues. The first would be whether the draft should be withdrawn so that a stronger one could be pursued, and the second would be how long member states should be given to implement the draft if it was adopted.

Attack on police during Ulster march

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Bottles and stones were thrown at police officers dressed in riot gear who faced an illegal march by about 2,500 republicans in Armagh yesterday in protest against conditions at the Maze prison, Long Kesh. There was a demonstration in support of the restoration of political status for convicted IRA prisoners, but there was no serious trouble and no arrests were made.

The relative lack of violence represented a triumph for the Government, which had banned the march last week after a threat of counter-demonstrations by Loyalists.

Provisional Sinn Fein later accused the Government of trying to minimize the extent of the protest by setting up roadblocks round the city which, it said, delayed the start of the march.

Dismissed plant manager gets £5,650 compensation

An industrial tribunal at Birmingham has confirmed an award of £5,650 compensation for a businessman, the maximum possible in his case. The company was also ordered to pay legal costs, one of the highest amounts ever awarded [illegible] Corporation, an American company, conceded that it had unfairly dismissed Mr Darrell Hilleard from his £13,000-a-year job as plant manager of its material handling division at Wednesfield, West Midlands.

Mr Nathan Myers, tribunal chairman, said: "The respondents are very important people in their own estimation. They are a high and mighty organization and we have no doubt that they regarded Mr Hilleard as insignificant by comparison with themselves. Therefore, they have given low priority to his litigation, and his claim against them."

The tribunal was told that Mr Hilleard, aged 48, an engineer, of Priory Road, Kew, south-west London, had been appointed plant manager at Wednesfield less than a year before his dismissal.

Mr Myers added: "We are satisfied that he is a highly skilled manager with successful qualifications and experience, and a most pleasing personality. He had the misfortune to be unfairly dismissed by the company, which had no justification whatsoever for discharging him."

The costs were awarded for a postponement of hearing granted by the Employment Appeals Tribunal which overturned a tribunal decision not to grant one. Mr Justice Kilner Brown said that it was wrong for an applicant to be "kept on a string" and suggested that although the company was entitled to a postponement in order to keep the same counsel, they should make an ex gratia payment or face an award of costs.

The chairman said that the company had failed to make an adequate offer of an ex gratia payment, and on conceding unfair dismissal had failed to redeem their honour by making him an offer of compensation.

Death penalty 'would help deter terrorists'

By a Staff Reporter

The restoration of capital punishment for terrorists is among suggestions in a collection of essays by young people published today.

The Ross McWhirter Foundation asked young people to write on the question: "How can a democratic country protect its citizens against subversion without sacrificing individual freedom?" Prizes of up to £500 were awarded.

The senior first prize winner was Mr Simon Emdin, aged 25, of Morden, south London. He believed one of the answers was to know not only the general aims but also the tactical plans of subversive elements. Undercover infiltration of the subversive groups was therefore necessary.

The junior first prize winner, Mr Nicholas Bell, aged 19, a former pupil of Reading School, Berkshire, believed that government had to be vigilant in weeding out subversion in its own ranks.

"A far more thorough" check on all those who hold high office in the Civil Service or in government may be resented by those concerned, he writes, but the resulting safeguard against subversion would justify it.

Paul Thompson, aged 18, head of school at Trent College, Long Eaton, near Nottingham, argued for capital punishment for terrorists as a deterrent.

In Defence of Freedom (System Publications, Holywell House, 72-90 Worship Street, London, EC2A 2HR, £1).

V and A civil servants oppose move for change to 'fiefdom' answerable to trustees

By Peter Hennessy

Senior civil servants at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in South Kensington, have sent a letter to Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, urging that the museum should maintain its link with the Department of Education and Science and not be changed into an "independent museum fiefdom" answerable to a board of trustees.

The V and A branch of the Association of First Division Civil Servants believes that recent moves towards greater autonomy over staff and financial matters at the museum represent an important reform that should be given time to prove its worth.

It rejects the option, supported by Dr Roy Strong, the museum's director, and listed, among others, in a consultation document published in October by the department, devolution of power from the department to a board of trustees that would "decide how far to delegate to the director the responsibility for managerial decisions and day-to-day decisions on policy or curatorial matters".

The board of trustees' proposal, which has received wide support in the art world, has been resisted by the 600 members of staff at the museum, who claim they have not been properly consulted by the director of the advisory council. Miss Anne Moncrieff, chairman of the museum's staff side, which represents all 600 staff in negotiations, said last week: While happy to consider any proposals for progress or reform, the staff side has a radical objection to the concept of devolution as proposed in the recent Department of Education and Science paper. In the relationship with the department there is much of great value.



Miss Anne Moncrieff: A division of two cultures.

Primarily it expresses the truly national role of the departmental museums as part of the educational service in the country as a whole. Further, to treat the Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum separately would be another and profoundly reactionary division between the "two cultures".

The establishment of the Victoria and Albert as a devolved trustee museum would merely make one more centre of metropolitan privilege governed by the standard selection of mainly metropolitan "good and great", perhaps even, in this case, drawing salaries, and with barely discernible lines of public accountability.

The letter to Mrs Williams from the Association of First Division Civil Servants, which represents 42 officials in the most senior grades at the museum, emphasizes the national role of the V and A. Being part of a "great department of state", it argues, helps to maintain an "outward looking stance".

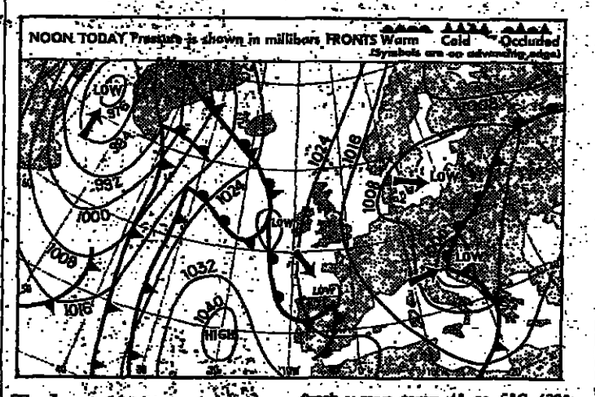
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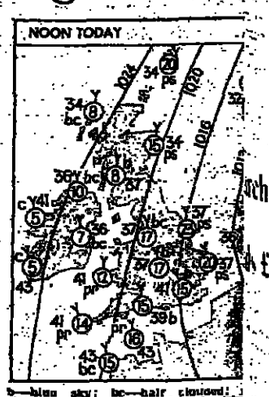
The strategy on the land fund, on capital transfer and wealth taxes, on the National Trust and on aid to churches are but a few of the examples of the museum's increasing expertise, both in matters of principle and detail, which plays a vital part in national art policy. It is clearly appropriate that this growing role should be exercised within a department of state rather than from the fringe.

The element of direct public accountability, as part of a department of state, is valued by the association. For all national museums to become independent structures, administered by boards of the "great and good" without any direct lines of accountability to Parliament and people, would seem to us a reactionary step".

The association acknowledges the unfairness of cuts imposed by the Department on the museum's budget in 1976-77 as the chief impetus of the campaign to sever its links with Whitehall by acquiring trustee status. Such inequity, it feels, should not lead, however, to a new arrangement that would dissipate the traditional, national role of the museum and its staff.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.38 am Sun sets: 3.58 pm
Moon rises: 5.43 am Moon sets: 2.45 pm
New moon: November 30.
Lighting up: 4.28 pm to 7.9 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.9 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 12.40 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Avonmouth, 4.26 am, 11.2m (36.8ft); 5.45 pm, 11.7m (38.3ft). Dover, 4.28 am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 9.4 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Hull, 3.15 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 3.56 pm, 6.6m (21.8ft). Liverpool, 8.43 am, 8.2m (27.0ft); 8.59 pm, 8.4m (27.6ft).

A N airstream will persist over all areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

London, Midlands, Lake District, NW, Central S, central NE England, N Wales, Glasgow, Argyll, SW Scotland, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Sunny periods; dry, widespread frost at first and again by evening; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

SE England: Sunny periods, wintry showers in E, frost at first and by evening; wind N, fresh; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow; th, thunder; cl, clear.

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Algiers	th	11	52	Dublin	c	1	34	Lisbon	c	13	55
Amstrdm	c	2	36	Edinburgh	s	6	43	Locarno	c	5	41
Barcelona	s	21	70	Florence	r	12	54	London	s	7	45
Beirut	s	22	72	Funchal	c	16	61	Luxmbrg	c	1	34
Bermuda	r	21	70	Geneva	c	3	37	Madrid	r	9	48
Berlin	c	3	37	Gibraltar	f	20	68	Majorca	s	14	57
Biarritz	c	5	41	Guernsey	r	7	45	Malaga	s	19	66
Brussels	s	4	39	Helsinki	c	-6	21	Manch	sl	3	37
Budapest	c	1	34	Innsbruck	sl	0	32	Munich	sn	1	34
Chicago	c	4	39	Istanbul	s	13	55	Naples	r	13	55
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St George's Channel, Irish S —Wind N, fresh, occasion strong; sea moderate, becom rough at times.

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am t pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity pm, 61 per cent. Rain, 24 hr 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 6.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level pm, 1,021.5 millibars, rising.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am t pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 1°C (34°F). Humidity pm, 72 per cent. Rain, 24 hr 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 7.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level pm, 1023.4 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

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Prostitutes to discuss new legislation

Prostitutes are to attend a conference in London today to discuss the legalizing of their profession. Magistrates, lawyers, probation officers, social workers and representatives of the Home Office have also been invited.

The conference has been organized by Lady Vickers, the former Conservative MP, and is believed to be the first to discuss the matter in Britain on so wide a basis.

Lady Vickers is prominent in the women's rights movement, and is president of the International Committee for the Suppression of Traffic in Persons.

Police say boy was murdered

Scotland Yard is treating the death of Mark Berkshire, aged 11, of Trust Walk, Dulwich, London, as murder, after his body was found in undergrowth at All Saints Church, West Dulwich on Saturday.

He was found exactly two months after disappearing from Kingsdale comprehensive school West Dulwich.

Labour facing critical vote on Ford sanctions

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The announcement of sanctions will be made after three economic ministers, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, have seen Sir Terence Beckett, the chairman of Ford.

Sir Terence is expected to be told that [illegible] not to [illegible] for [illegible] ist ing contracts, because the company agreed on pay increases of nearly 17 per cent for its workers after an eight-week strike.

Ford supplies an estimated 30,000 vehicles worth up to £100m a year to the Government. The sanctions, however, are not expected to extend as far as local authorities, partly because the Government would be unable to force Tory-controlled councils to cease buying from the company.

Today's announcement could well have been made on Friday, but Sir Terence was unable to meet ministers on that day. Ministers were clearly anxious to get the matter over with, because the Cabinet economic committee had only finally agreed on their course of action at a meeting on Thursday. It did not, however, go before the full Cabinet.

Ministers were saying last night that the go-ahead for sanctions did not need full Cabinet approval because ministers had agreed the pay policy White Paper in July, and that included the possible use of discretionary powers. They were also incorporated in the Government's approach to the TUC.

Sir Terence is expected to protest to Mr Varley and his Cabinet colleagues today that Ford was left with no alternative but to give in to the strikers because of their determination to achieve increases well above the 5 per cent limit.

The Government will receive protests not only from the Opposition but also from the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry.

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The report concludes that the two-and-a-half-week operation, in which 35,000 tons of oil could have affected the coast if it had gone wrong, was one of the biggest operations of its kind ever successfully conducted at sea and answers a number of questions.

Why was the tanker sunk and not saved? Sinking in the Atlantic minimized the risk of pollution, and saving the ship for scrap would have cost more than it was worth.

Why was she not bombed and burnt? With the ship low in the water and awash, attempts to burn the oil would almost certainly have been unsuccessful.

Was not the operation assisted by the weather? Wind was normal for the time of year and fog slightly worse. Had the high seas that eventually stopped the pumping come earlier, saving the vessel would have been more difficult.

Sixty-six ships were deployed in the operation and dispersants worked well. About 2,000 birds were said to have been affected, the report says.

18% offer for lowest-paid shop workers

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers has become one of the first to take advantage of the provision in the Government's pay policy that workers earning less than £44.50 a week are exempt from the 5 per cent pay limit.

Under a deal within government guidelines announced today between the union and the Multiple Food Retailers' Employers Association, about 100,000 workers have been offered rises of between £5.50 and £6.55 a week.

The grocery workers affected, who are to vote on the offer in the next week or so, include those employed by Tesco, Fine Fare, International Stores, Allied Suppliers and nearly 100 other firms.

Under the deal, which has been unanimously recommended by union negotiators and includes a regrading scheme for senior and managerial employees, all members affected should receive at least a 5 per cent rise; but some lower-paid workers will get increases in minimum rates of up to 18 per cent.

The minimum for employees who work on Saturdays will increase under the deal from £37 a week to £44. If endorsed in the ballot, the award will be backdated to November 17.

1793 theatre reopens

Angles theatre, built in 1793, was reopened on Saturday at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, after restoration.

'Much progress' by dependence study group in past 10 years

Countering the myths about drug abuse

By Stewart Tendler

Discussion about drug abuse often generates as much sound and fury as it does science and fact. Myths are spawned that gain currency over the years, influencing public attitudes and official responses.

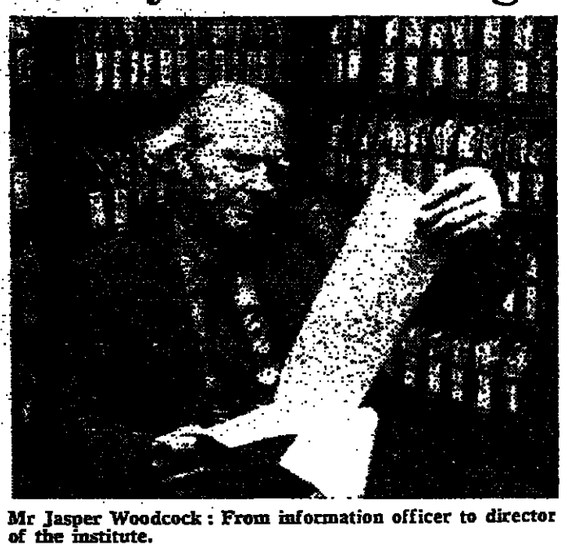
It was with the question of misinformation in mind that the idea for the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence was formulated a little over 10 years ago and announced in the correspondence columns of *The Times*.

The late 1960s were a period of intense debate about drug use, with controversy over the legalization of cannabis, attempts to preach the virtues of LSD and a rising rate of drug convictions.

In the letter announcing the institute, Sir Harry Greenfield, then president of the International Narcotics Control Board, noted: "A new and acute situation has arisen in the Western World . . . yet for lack of information members of the public can neither assess the situation nor form an accurate judgment of the relative danger of the different substances".

The institute, with an anonymous grant of £5,000, one full-time member of staff, and the converted servants' quarters of a London town house, set out to remedy that situation. Its brief was to collect information, build up a library, advance public understanding, arrange conferences and promote research.

Ten years later (the institute marks its formal anniversary today at its annual general meeting) it can claim to have made some considerable progress on those objectives, with offices in north London and a staff of 10.



Mr Jasper Woodcock: From information officer to director of the institute.

In its first year of operation a tiny staff had to cope with 10,000 cuttings from British newspapers on drug matters, excluding reports of court cases. On top of that the institute began sifting through learned journals and books.

Today the staff scans 3,500 journals and adds material to a library of more than 30,000 entries. There is also a collection of more than 800 books on all aspects of the drug world.

The complexities of the subject, which takes in medicine, psychology, criminology and many other disciplines, has led to a rather special form of indexing, steering a researcher with great precision towards his target.

Mr Jasper Woodcock, director of the institute, tells the story of a barrister who telephoned late one afternoon with an urgent plea. His client was to be sentenced the next morning and the judge refused to believe that he could have become addicted to heroin after receiving treatment for a back injury.

The barrister needed a learned article showing that heroin was used as an analgesic and could lead to addiction. The necessary article was found and dispatched. The defendant's sentence was half that of his codefendants.

The institute publishes a bulletin, keeping interested groups appraised of the latest research and publications.

One of its most important research tasks proved to be the formation of material for use in schools. The work was successful enough to be borrowed by the Danish Government, which now provides some of the institute's finances.

Throughout its life the institute has tried to remain independent as far as possible, conscious that other organizations have been vilified for pushing erroneous official lines. It receives a grant from the Department of Health, but that provides only cover for basic services, and other finance comes from a variety of trusts and businesses.

Mr Woodcock, who joined the institute as a two-day a week information officer shortly after it began, feels that it has achieved credibility right across the field. From its early beginnings it strove to reach both officialdom and the subculture of the drug world.

It was the hysteria of the 1960s that helped to germinate the institute. The hysteria has died away and Mr Woodcock believes that may help the institute to improve public understanding.

Ramblers to appeal over court ruling on footpath

A court fight will start soon over a house in the Yorkshire village of Upperthong, near Huddersfield, because it has been built across a public footpath.

The Ramblers' Association has been concerned about the number of footpaths that have been destroyed and is to use footpath No 72 as a test case. The association is appealing in the Court of Appeal against a High Court ruling that said the Secretary of State for the Environment had power to alter the line of a footpath if it was obstructed.

Mr Alan Martingly, secretary of the association, said: "We have been concerned for long time about the number of cases each year in which development is carried out before a path has been properly rerouted".

Path No 72 had been obstructed by a house forming part of a new estate, he said. The Secretary of State had confirmed a diversion order and his decision was upheld in the High Court.

"The legal implications are extremely disturbing", Mr Mattingly said.

End of a smack

Salvage teams are today to blow up the wreck of the Grimsby smack, the Arcona Champion, in the Humber a year after it was in collision with the Hull trawler, the Falstaff.

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Tomorrow night there will be performances by handbell ringers and recorder ensembles and Wednesday night's programme will include a wind orchestra, a percussion ensemble, a jazz band and a jazz orchestra. Each night will end with "Land of Hope and Glory".

Works to be performed range from Mozart and Brahms to Rick Wakeman and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Both the latter musicians will be making guest appearances during the concerts, as will the guitarist, John Williams. The presenters include Derek Jewell and Tim Rice.

The Schools Prom is sponsored by *The Times*, *The Times Educational Supplement* and Commercial Union Assurance.

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British Rail's carriage conditions for goods fill four pages. The notice the committee hoped to have displayed in parcels offices would have explained simply the limits of the board's liability and the time limits on claims for loss, damage, delay or non-delivery.

The board rejected the idea after receiving legal advice that its full conditions of carriage might be compromised by the summary. They feared that in a dispute in which the complainant quoted the poster, judgment might be given in his favour even though the poster drew attention to the full conditions.

Mr Higgins said yesterday: "The board is determined to hide behind these conditions, though I believe that many of them would not stand up in law if they were challenged under the Unfair Contract Terms Act."

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'Threat' to birds of prey by use on airfields

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has called for an official review of the practice of using falcons to clear airfields of birds which may cause accidents.

The society believes alternative scaring methods are more efficient than birds of prey and points to RAF Lossiemouth, which operated for some time without falcons and had no accidents. A dozen airfields employ falconers to clear birds.

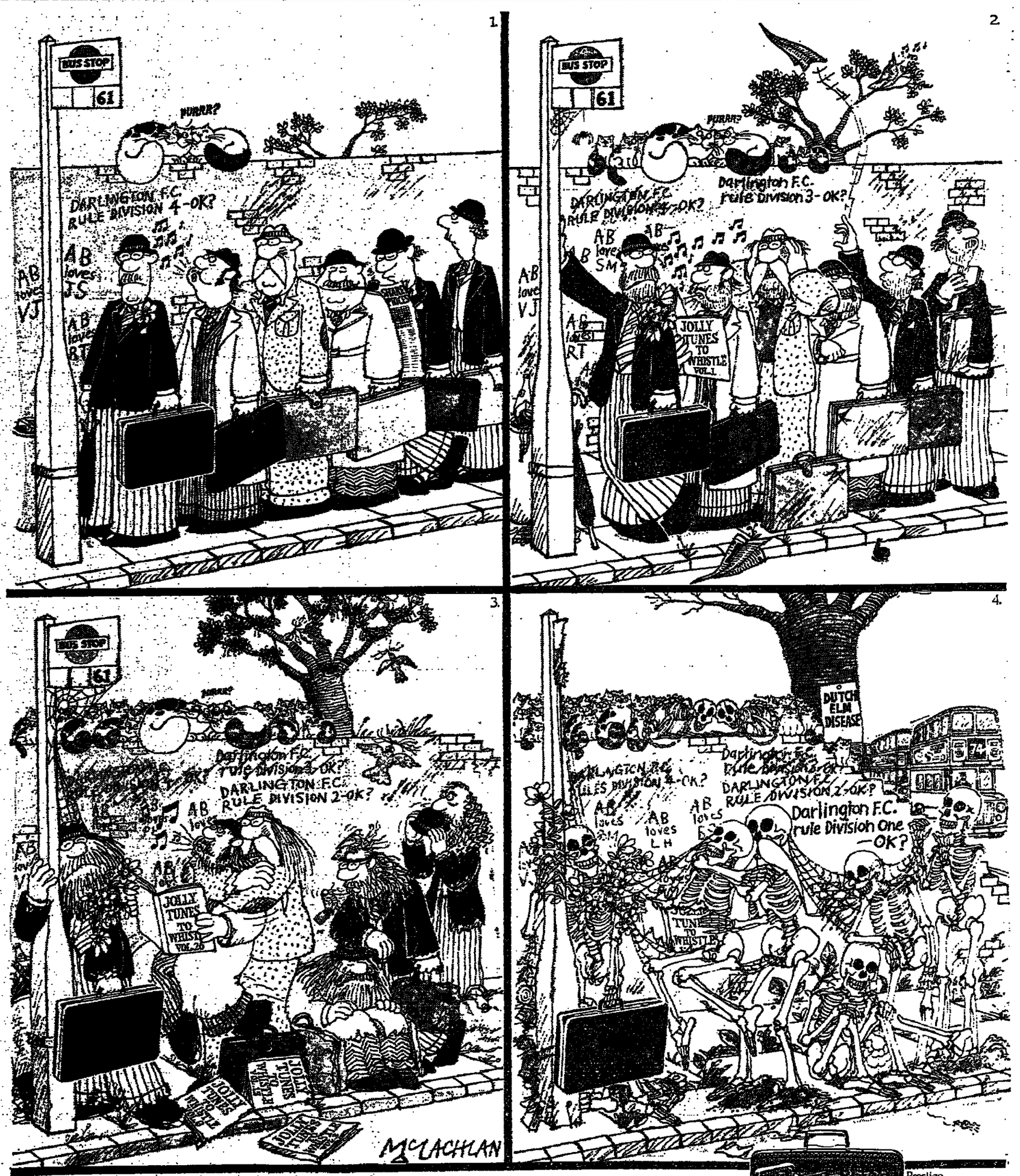
Last July two members of the falconry unit at the Scottish air base were prosecuted for being in possession of two peregrines that had been illegally taken. The society said the subsequent court case, in which both men admitted their guilt, raised questions on the worth of falcons as bird-scarers, the cost to the taxpayer and threats to the population of wild birds of prey.

Sprinkler damage

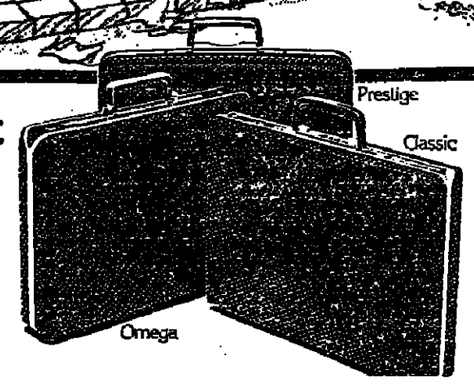
Furniture stored in a warehouse off Garrett Lane, Wandsworth, London, was damaged yesterday after a fire alarm set off an automatic sprinkler system, which doused the furniture with water, although there was no fire.

All-out Liberal effort

The Liberal Party will contest all 66 constituencies in England in the European elections next June and hopes also to contest all those in Scotland, Wales and Ulster, the Liberal Council was told at a weekend meeting in Reading.



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Clash averted between M Mitterrand and rival at party meeting

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 26

A clash between M François Mitterrand, leader of the Socialist Party, and M Michel Rocard, a member of its national executive, and a rival contender for the party leadership and as its presidential candidate in 1981, was averted at the Socialist convention in Paris at the weekend.

Their rivalry is now official, but M Rocard chose to make a partial withdrawal from the exposed attitude he has adopted in recent weeks over M Mitterrand's leadership and party policy, until he has consolidated his position.

The convention was originally called to endorse a reform of the party rules, and especially a more democratic method of selecting leaders of the national executive and the party nominee for the presidential elections, which gives a greater say to the militants. Unanimously approved by the party leadership, it was also carried by the convention, as expected.

The reform arose from criticism by some members from the executive and the rank and file, of the "authoritarian" and "monarchical" manner in which M Mitterrand and his close supporters within the prty decided these appointments and ran the party

After the defeat of the left in the March elections M Mitterrand, whose authority had suffered a setback in the party, decided he must give way to pressure for more consultation. The leading light in mustering this pressure was M Pierre Mauroy, Mayor of Lille and M Mitterrand's deputy. He leads one of the two most powerful party branches in the country—the other is Marseilles—without whom nothing can be decided.

The purpose of the convention was not to debate conflicts of policies or personalities. But M Rocard made it clear that he would use the opportunity to reply to the "intolerable attacks, unworthy of a party leader", levelled against him last week by M Gaston Deferre, Mayor of Marseilles and a staunch supporter of M Mitterrand.

These attacks arose from reports that M Rocard intended to submit to the national executive's meeting in January.

Mr Nixon in Paris to appear on TV

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 26

Mr Richard Nixon, the former American President, arrived in Paris yesterday for a private four-day visit.

He is the guest of French television and will take part in a debate on Tuesday night in the popular series *Les Dossiers de l'Ecran*, which consists of a film on a given issue, followed by a discussion with a panel of invited guests.

Tuesday's programme will be devoted to the life and career of Mr Nixon, at his own request. He will be the only speaker in the discussion with the panel, which will follow a film made up of documentaries provided by the State Department. He will also answer telephoned questions put to him by viewers.

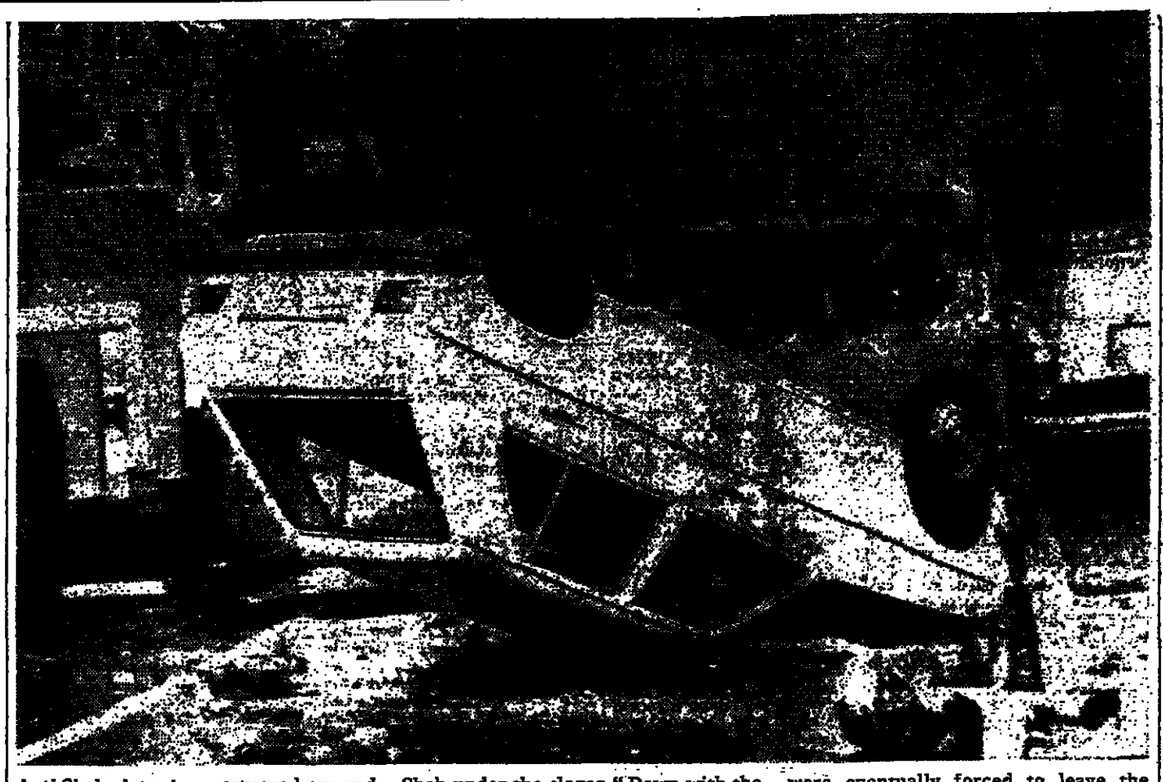
The programme's organizers said that Mr Nixon wanted to have a direct discussion with the French public, without the involvement of politicians or journalists. He appears to attach considerable importance to the event.

On his arrival yesterday, Mr Nixon told reporters that he did not intend to meet any political leaders during his stay here. He wanted to rest, to be in top shape for Tuesday's broadcast.

He said that he no longer had any political ambitions, but was ready to give advice on current affairs. He was concerned by the growing challenges faced by the West, particularly by the growth of Soviet power.

Mr Nixon has arranged a number of private meetings. This afternoon he met General Alexander Haig, the Commander in Chief of allied forces in Europe and one of his closest advisers when he was at the White House. They talked for one and a half hours at Mr Nixon's hotel.

He also discussed the television programme with its organizers and began preparing the answers to the questions he thinks will be put to him. He will hold a press conference on Wednesday before leaving Paris for Oxford, where he will speak to the Union.



Anti-Shah riot: An overturned car and numerous bricks litter a street in Frankfurt where more than 200 people were injured yesterday during the worst street battle between demonstrators and police that the city has experienced in years (Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin). Some 10,000 people, organized by the Federation of Iranian Students, demonstrated against the Shah under the slogan "Down with the fascist Shah regime and US imperialism". The demonstrators got out of hand when some of them, equipped with ice axes, clubs and bottles, tried to storm the American Consulate-General. They tore up the pavement and flung stones at the building that was protected by only 70 policemen. When the demonstrators were eventually forced to leave the area they continued elsewhere to tear up streets build barricades and set cars on fire. Telephone booths and traffic light installations were destroyed and shop windows smashed. Mopping up operations lasted for hours after the battle. A Hesse state minister has banned student protest marches in Frankfurt.

Party crisis over Transvaal election

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Nov 26

South Africa's Nationa Party faces its most seriou crisis since it came to powe 30 years ago after yesterday election of Dr Andries Treu nicht, the arch-conservativ Deputy Minister of Plural Rel tions, as leader of the party i the Transvaal.

His victory makes him th second most powerful man i the party after Mr Piete Botha, the Prime Minister.

Dr Treurnicht defeated h only rival, Mr S. P. Botha, th Minister of Labour and Mine by 63 votes to 45 when th Transvaal Party committee me in Pretoria yesterday to choos a successor to Dr Conni Mulder, the former Minister o Plural Relations, who resigne all his official posts in th wake of the Department of In formation scandal.

The size of Dr Treurnicht majority, in what was expecte to be a closely run contest, is sign that not only did he hav the support of the conservativ wing of the party, which pre dominates in the Transvaal but also of Dr Mulder and hi backers.

It is indicative of the *verk rampte* (hardline) mood within the party that Mr R. F. Both the Foreign Minister and one o the most *verligte* (enlightened spirits within the Government gave up his seat on the Trans vaal party executive. So also di one of Mr Botha's principa *verligte* supporters, Mr P. J du Plessis, MP for Lydenburg.

Dr Treurnicht's election i also a reverse for the Prim Minister, who had campaigne against Dr Treurnicht. His vic tory must in part be seen as a rejection by a significant wing of the party of the more "liberal" line Mr Both seemed to be embarking on after his *verligte* Cabinet re shuffle earlier this month.

What is at stake now is no only the future course of Gov ernment policy as the *verligte* and *verkrampte* wings of the party struggle for dominance but, of greater long-term signi ficance, the unity of the party

Some observers have fore cast a split, but it seems more likely that attempts will be made to paper over the cracks that have developed since the information scandal, and parti cularly since the resignation a Prime Minister last September of Mr John Vorster, now the state President.

Immediately after his elec tion, Dr Treurnicht pledged himself to work for party unity and affirmed his loyalty to Mr Pieter Botha.

However, although both the *Verligte* and the *Verkrampte* wings and the Government-sup porting Afrikaans press ar likely to emphasize the need for unity, his election is bound to exacerbate party tensions.

For a start Mr Botha may find Dr Treurnicht a Cabine post and not an unimportan one. Once in the Cabinet, Dr Treurnicht can be expected to use his powerful position as the Transvaal leader to slow down, if not actually halt, the more pragmatic approach which the Government has been taking over the past four years on racial matters.

He can also be expected to seek modifications in Mr Botha's plans to introduce a new constitutional plan, which would involve a tri-racial Cabinet council providing a degree of power sharing for coloureds and Indians.

Dr Treurnicht, aged 57, is one of the leading intellectuals of the party. A man of great personal charm and a superb orator, he has earned himself the nickname "Dr No" because of his rejection of any changes in the country's laws involving mixing between the races.

Editor resigns in growing Paris newspaper conflict

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 26

The crisis which arose at the independent conservative daily newspaper *L'Aurore* last week, after the decision by M Robert Hersant, the owner of *Le Figaro* and sixteen other daily newspapers in France, to break the technical agreements he had signed with it, took a sharp turn for the worse today.

M Roland Faure, the editor-in-chief, and the only survivor of the original editorial management, resigned

This was the logical consequence of a head on clash between him and M Pierre Janrot, whose company publishes the paper.

M Janrot, who was an appointee of M Hersant, told an editorial meeting on Friday that in view of the breaking of the agreement, there was no other way of coping with the mounting deficit of *L'Aurore* other than to cut it down to 14 pages and reduce its circulation by 10,000

The editorial staff decided that a leader setting out the position at *L'Aurore* would be written by M Faure and published the next day. If M Janrot opposed this, the space of the leader would be left blank.

M Janrot refused both ultimatums.

Widespread clashes in Iran claim 13 lives

Tehran, Nov 26.—At least 13 deaths were reported throughout Iran today in violent clashes between Government forces and opponents of the Shah during a 24-hour general strike.

At least nine people were believed to have died in Gorgan, 256 miles north-east of the capital, two at Kangavar, in west Iran, and two policemen were reported to have been shot at the ancient capital of Isfahan.

Political sources said that sections of Gorgan, on the Caspian Sea, were in flames after rioters set fire to government and other buildings. They also attacked and set alight police cars and fire tenders trying to reach the flames.

According to one political source, the death toll in Gorgan might be as high as 35, but there was no immediate confirmation of the figure.

Western diplomatic sources said that two policemen killed in Isfahan, were apparently shot by demonstrators who seized their weapons and used them on the officers.

The sources said many buildings in Isfahan were also set ablaze, including Government and private offices and homes. telephones and electric power were put out of action by demonstrators. The Isfahan curfew has now been increased by four hours, from 8 pm to 6 am.—UPI.

Tony Allaway writes from Teheran: The bazaar was today closed, as were virtually all shops in the centre of the capital. In outlying areas, however, more shops stayed open. A partial power cut also led to traffic chaos.

The general strike was called by religious and political leaders in protest against a clash between troops and worshippers inside the shrine of Imam Reza in Mashad, eastern Iran, last Monday. Religious sources claim six people were killed in the clash, emphasizing that it was the first time that soldiers had ever set foot inside the shrine itself. "Even the Russians kept out when they were there", an informant remarked.

The opposition National Front claimed that half a million people demonstrated in Mashad today in protest against the attack.

In Teheran, troops and oil refinery workers battled for the second day running at the headquarters of the National Iranian Oil Company. Eyewitnesses said the troops used tear gas and fired in the air when the workers started shouting anti-Shah slogans. Several workers were injured in scuffles with troops and police inside the building.

Sources say the refinery workers are protesting against the arrest of some of their colleagues accused of being the ringleaders of recent politically motivated industrial action. They are also angry because official promises made after recent strike action have not been kept.

Meanwhile, Iran radio reported that oil production in the southern oilfields was almost back to normal. The radio also reported that natural gas supplies to the Soviet Union, severed by industrial action, had been resumed, although so far the supplies have not even reached half the normal daily rate.

King Husain of Jordan flew in here today for a private three-day visit to Iran.

Hitch in Nine's trade talks with Comecon

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussells, Nov 26

Three days of negotiations between the EEC and Comecon, the East European economic organization, on how to formalize their relations ended here yesterday with no agreement, but with a promise from the Comecon side to consider a new compromise offer

For three years, Comecon has been pressing for a framework agreement on trade with the EEC, including a most-favoured-nation clause, to serve as the basis for commercial relations between individual EEC and Comecon member states.

The EEC refuses to sign such a global agreement, ostensibly on the grounds that the communist organization has no comparable supranational status or competence to negotiate on behalf of its member stares in trade matters.

Substantive trade negotiations, in the EEC's view, must be handled by the European Commission, on behalf of the Nine, and individual Comecon countries.

The new development is the offer by the EEC to sign a limited agreement with Comecon covering industrial standards, pollution and economic forecasts

Spanish rightist denounces 'Godless' constitution

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Nov 26

The proposed Spanish constitution "makes God an outcast", the leader of Spain's extreme right said in Palma, Majorca, at the weekend.

Señor Blas Piñar, the head of the neo-Francoist New Force party, strongly criticized the nation's Roman Catholic bishops in a speech delivered at a rally at the Palma congress hall on Friday night, for their refusal to speak out against a constitutional text which makes no mention of God.

A public notary who spent most of the Civil War days in exile in France, Señor Piñar claimed that the constitution had been "sold for 30 pieces of silver".

His 68-minute speech included his version of the reason why a film interview with him was not broadcast as had been expected last Thursday night on the state-run Spanish television network: "Because in two minutes I was going to say that as a Catholic, as a Spaniard, as the father of a family, as a jurist and as a president of New Force I must say 'No, no and no' to the constitution."

He said the use of the word "nationalities" in the draft constitution to refer to regions "signifies the destruction of the nation". He described the constitution as "ambiguous, and one which will make it possible for Marxism to rule here in the near future".

In another development, the Government yesterday banned by decree the further use of the red and yellow national flag for partisan purposes. The decree was aimed directly at the far right, which incorporates the flag into all its symbols, and uses large numbers of Spanish flags in its public demonstrations.

In the Basque country, police were today investigating the murder of a taxi driver last night. He was believed to be a victim of the separatist organization ETA.

Other weekend violence in the north included the bombing of a bar in San Sebastian, with no injuries, and an incident in which police fired on a car which failed to stop at a road-block near Bilbao.

Moscow visit: Señor Juan Antonio García Díez, the Minister for Commerce and Tourism, left today for Moscow on the first official visit to the Soviet Union by a Spanish government minister since the civil war.—Reuter.

Bodies flown out as mass suicide toll is put at 912

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Nov 26

American troops have removed all the bodies from the jungle settlement of Jonestown in Guyana, and the final aircraft load of some 180 bodies was arriving in the United States today.

The final death toll in the mass suicide which took place a week ago after the shooting of an American Congressman and four other Americans is estimated to be 912, including some 260 children.

Only about 80 members of the People's Temple cult in Guyana appear to have escaped death—32 of them from the settlement itself and another 46 based in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana.

Two of the survivors have been formally charged with murder by the Guyanese authorities. The remainder are expected to be allowed to return to the United States.

Battle of the draft texts of Middle East accord

From David Cross
Washington, Nov 26

All three parties to the Middle East peace talks here have now published versions of the draft texts of their treaty as part of what, in the case of the Israelis and Egyptians at least, appears to be a campaign to silence their critics.

The Egyptians were first off the mark last Friday, when *Al-Ahram*, the Cairo newspaper, printed an Arabic version of the preamble and nine articles of the main treaty.

The document spells out the general terms of the peace agreement and suggests in the preamble that the treaty is "an important step in the search for comprehensive peace in the area".

This reference to a link between the current bilateral treaty and a projected broader peace agreement embracing the future status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip was believed here to be the main reason behind the premature publication of the document.

President Sadat of Egypt is thought to have authorized publication to try to reassure his Arab critics.

The publication of the treaty took the State Department here by surprise but, after hurried consultations with both the Egyptian and Israeli governments, it decided to publish the official English-language version of the treaty text to avoid any "misunderstandings."

The Israelis, however, went further by not only publishing the text of the treaty itself this weekend, but also the third annex to the treaty which covers details of the normalization of economic and diplomatic relations with Egypt.

Michael Knipe writes from Jerusalem: The Israeli Government today stuck firmly to its view that it is up to Egypt to make the next move in the peace process by accepting the draft treaty as it stands.

Cairo: Egypt today delayed sending President Carter a new Note on the Middle East peace talks after President Sadat ordered his aides to include some new elements.—Reuter.

Sadat move to free press is seen as symbolic

From Mary Anne Weaver
Cairo, Nov 26

As part of an ambitious programme to streamline a leaden bureaucracy and hasten political reform, President Sadat has abolished the vast Egyptian Ministry of Culture and Information, ostensibly freeing the press from government control.

But the decision has proved more symbolic than real, underscoring the contradictions of the free flow of information in a highly centralized system slowly evolving towards a controlled democratic state.

The State Information Service and Cairo radio and television will have independent boards. The censors have been eliminated, but the nation's publishing houses and newspapers continue to be Government-owned. Editors are personally appointed by the President who retains ultimate control.

Heikal ban lifted: The Government has lifted a ban on foreign travel on Muhammad Heikal, once one of Egypt's most prominent political commentators.—Reuter.

Britain and the EEC

EMS talks help to reopen budgetary issue

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 26

An important by-product of the current debate on the proposed new European Monetary System (EMS) is the attention which has been focused on the role played by the EEC's budget and common agricultural policy (CAP) in helping to perpetuate and even widen the wealth disparities in the Community. This has been a bonus for Britain.

Ever since entry, British ministers have inveighed against the financial profligacy of the CAP without much success, and the budgetary issue, which formed a main plank of Britain's 1974-75 renegotiation of EEC membership, would have been difficult to reopen without the impetus of the EMS discussions.

The facts are by now fairly well known. The EEC budget is financed by the customs duties and agricultural import levies collected by member states on trade with the outside world, plus the receipts (or the cash equivalent) of value-added tax (VAT) levied at a rate of up to one per cent on an agreed list of goods and services.

This bears heavily on Britain, which is a large food importer whose consumption (on which VAT is levied) forms a bigger part of national output than in many other EEC countries. Britain thus pays in to the EEC budget considerably more than its share of total EEC gross domestic product.

At the same time, Britain gets little out of the budget, since more than two thirds of expenditure is consumed by the CAP—the "cuckoo in the nest", as Mr Callaghan has called it. No more than 2.7 per cent of the working population in Britain is employed in farming, compared with 10.9 per cent in France, 9.3 per cent in Denmark, 7 per cent in Holland and 7 per cent in West Germany, all of which are among the wealthiest countries in the EEC.

As a result, Britain, one of the poorest, expects to suffer a deficit on its budget balance this year of £660m, rising to £830m by 1980. What can be done about this? The chances of reform are probably better than at any time since Britain's entry, but, even on the most optimistic prognosis, there is little hope of tangible results before the mid-1980s.

There is growing acceptance, especially in the European Commission, that the price support system is not working. The biggest and most efficient farmers have boosted production in response to prices set at levels required to furnish only moderately efficient farmers with adequate incomes. The smallest and least efficient, however, do not produce enough to gain significant benefit from these high prices.

The result is the regular or periodic over-production of important foodstuffs, especially dairy products, and a widening gap between the richest and poorest farmers. Even moderately efficient farmers currently enjoy an income that is estimated to be three times the national average in all member states. The budgetary burden may be gauged by the fact that in 1977 the subsidized disposal of surpluses cost the EEC more than £1,850m.

Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, is committed to a low price campaign and is expected to propose an across-the-board price freeze in 1979. The Commission is also working on some innovatory proposals for reform of the flagrantly extravagant dairy sector, which absorbs more than 40 per cent of all expenditure on farm price support, while accounting for only 19 per cent of final agricultural production.

Even if Mr Gundelach succeeds in getting acceptance for such schemes, and in pursuing the most stringent of price policies, there is some doubt among economists whether production would be all that much affected, given that the current level of return on investment is so high.

It has been calculated, for example, that even if farmers' real incomes were on average reduced by between 2 and 5 per cent a year from now until 1985, the more efficient producers would still make big enough profits to take over the land and plant of those forced out of business, and thus increase total production.

This suggests that a stringent price policy will have to be backed up by more drastic measures, such as the fixing of cut-off points after which excess produce would no longer enjoy EEC price support and have to be sold for whatever the market would pay. Resistance to such ideas may grow less as rural populations decline in size and hence in political importance.

A useful short-term step, if it could be achieved politically, could be to find a more realistic base for calculating EEC farm prices, which at present are geared to the strong Deutsche Mark. If they were based instead on the average value of all EEC currencies, the overall level of commou farm prices could be reduced by 21 per cent at a stroke.

On the revenue side of the budget, the recent "green-paper" produced by the department on Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the Budget Commissioner, for the first time recognizes that the way the Community's activities are financed puts disproportionately heavy demands on some less prosperous member states such as Britain and Italy.

Mr Tugendhat recommends that budget contributions should be more closely related to national means, on the same principle that requires individuals to pay progressively higher rates of tax as their income increases. But such a reform, even if agreed, would not take effect before 1982, when additional revenue for the budget will have to be found.

The truth is that even if all these reforms were to bear fruit, they would do not more than reduce the negative effect of the budget on Britain's balance of payments. The EEC budget is far too small—currently less than 1 per cent of the Community's gnp—to bring about any real transfer of resources from the richer to the poorer regions.

This could be changed by tripling the size of the budget, and by the transfer to the Community level of budgetary control over areas of regional, industrial and employment policy now managed separately by national governments. A budget constructed on these lines, it has been calculated, could reduce income disparities in the EEC by as much as 10 per cent.

It would, however, require a sea-change in British attitudes towards the EEC to embark down this "federalist" road, and would certainly provoke a revolt in the Labour Party. A Tory government might take a different view, but there is not much evidence that West Germany or France, despite their Community rhetoric, would welcome such a development. Thie is the second of four articles discussing aspects of Britain's role in Europe.

In brief

M Chirac hurt in car crash

Ussel, Nov 26.—M Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullist Party, fractured his thigh bone early today when his car skidded and crashed on an icy road during a snowstorm in south-west France.

Hospital officials here said that after emergency treatment M Chirac was flown to the Cochin hospital in Paris for further Xrays. Sources said that doctors were considering an operation.

Kennedy death theory

Dallas, Nov 26.—Greatly enlarged frames of a film taken the day President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 may show two people in a sixth floor window of the Dallas building from which Lee Harvey Oswald is alleged to have shot the President.

Peru minister quits

Lima, Nov 26.—One of the three members of Peru's ruling military junta, General Jorge Tamayo de la Flor, who was Air Force Minister and Chief of the Air Force, resigned today

Fan kills goal scorer

Tel Aviv, Nov 26.—A football supporter clubbed to death Basel Abdullah Borham, aged 19, who had just scored his team's first goal in a game between two Arab schools in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus.

10 die in fire

Rochester, New York, Nov 26.—Fire swept through an inn crowded with Thanksgiving weekend holidaymakers, leaving at least 10 people dead and 25 others injured.

Nyerere visit to Ugandan border area

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 26

Uganda this weekend accused Tanzania of bombarding targets across the border between the two countries west of Lake Victoria, and said it could lead to a resumption of hostilities.

The Ugandan claim came while President Nyerere of Tanzania was visiting the 710-square mile border area which was occupied by Ugandan forces for two weeks, before they withdrew in mid-November.

President Nyerere spent three hours there and spoke to some of the Tanzanians whose homes were destroyed when the Ugandan troops moved in.

Dar es Salaam: Tanzanian forces yesterday killed a number of Ugandan soldiers in a clash in the Mutukula and Minziro areas of north-west Tanzania, near the Ugandan border, a government statement said.—Reuter.

Train load of apples brings festive spirit to Zambia

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Nov 26

Housewives could not wait to tell their husbands. Secretaries rushed back from running errands to let their bosses know. Children whispered about it in class, and by evening the bars buzzed with the news.

There had not been another Rhodesian raid, nor had President Kaunda delayed the elections.

For Zambia's 30,000 expatriates and most of the country's African elite the news was far more important than that. Apples had arrived in Lusaka. Not only that, there were prawns and lobsters, too.

Four weeks before December 25 it was already Christmas in Zambia.

The difference was that, instead of sporting a red suit and white beard, Santa Claus was wearing khaki shorts and knee socks, his accent was more reminiscent of the Eastern Transvaal than the North Pole, and rather than being pulled by Rudolph this bag of goodies arrived behind a locomotive owned by South African Railways.

Since President Kaunda reopened the railway line through Rhodesia to South Africa last month there has been a surprising amount of butter about and even a bar or two of chocolate, but apples and shellfish have been as rare here as white rhino in Hyde Park.

While the adults rejoiced over the crisp Cape apples and succulent South African lobster tails, the children were not forgotten. This first food shipment was just part of £3m worth of consumer goods, that included bicycles, toys and food.

Christmas will still not be cheap. A kilogram of apples is selling for about £2, and a small lobster costs about £18.

Qualified Pretoria agreement on Namibia

New York, Nov 26—South Africa has agreed to United Nations-supervised elections in Namibia (South-West Africa) but with reservations that will require further negotiations, according to a report to the Security Council yesterday.

One condition that observers said the council was virtually certain to reject was that once a date for elections was set it should be kept, irrespective of whether there was a cessation of hostilities and a subsequent reduction of South African troops in the territory.

The United Nations settlement plan negotiated by the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany, the council's Western members, required South Africa to withdraw all but 1,500 troops before United Nations-supervised elections;

Yesterday's report was submitted to the council by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, after two days of talks in New York with Mr Bernhardus Fourie, the South African Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Dr Waldheim is to hold further talks with Dr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, tomorrow.

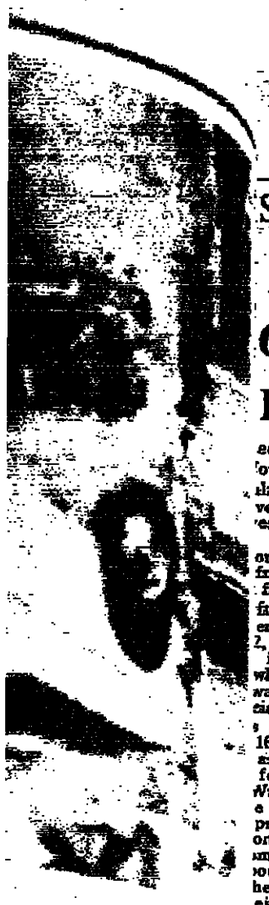
Dr Waldheim said he had failed to get South Africa to call off unilateral elections in Namibia scheduled for next month.

Dar es Salaam: Swapo, the Namibian nationalist movement said today that journalists who accepted a South African expenses-paid offer to cover the unilateral elections would be branded enemies of the people.

It said in a statement: "We warn those journalists who intend to take up this expenses-paid invitation to refrain from indulging in such a blatant act of bribery.

"We must further warn those journalists who would lend themselves to the scandalous offer that they will ruin their reputation for objective reporting."—Reuter.

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Mr Wallace Rowling: He does not concede defeat.

improved performance is Social Credit. It more than doubled its share of votes to more than 16 per cent, but managed to win only the Rangitikei seat under New Zealand's system of first past the post. Mr Beetham says that the result demonstrates the need for the introduction of proportional representation.

The election campaign was remarkable for its lack of debate on political issues. The Nationals chose to fight on the grounds of credibility. The depressed economy and the high level of unemployment will have turned support away from the Government, but some attribute its decline in popularity to what they see as Mr Muldoon's alienation of some traditional National support.

This, it is being argued, could account for a shift of votes towards Social Credit, particularly in rural areas.

The strengthening of the Opposition, the decline in the Government's majority, and the fact that nearly half of the Government MPs find themselves with uncomfortably low majorities, may require Mr Muldoon, in the interests of his survival as leader, to adopt more conciliatory attitudes

ters wounded in India

26.—Two state Ministers and six were wounded in ay during the y-elections in the State of Bihar. Gandhi's party is a parliamentary which was pre- by the ruling

ing occurred out- office after wea- pons were seized from a Government car. The ministers were Mr Kameshwar Paswan (Social Welfare) and Mr Mohan Ram (Tourism).

A member of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party was wounded at Salempur by one of Mr Ram's bodyguards and two other people were injured in bomb explosions at ballot offices in Bela and Bikram. Agence France-Presse.

A political guide to China's economic development

Chou En-lai master plan revived

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Nov 26

China will probably be one of the five largest economies in the world by the end of the century. The leaders in Peking have set themselves most ambitious economic goals, and if these are even partially achieved China will within a decade be deeply involved in international trade and finance.

However, the Chinese leadership will face critical and difficult political choices in striving to attain their goals, having to decide, for example, whether to give priority to modernization of the armed forces over expansion of basic industries.

Moreover, the Chinese, who have until now preferred self-reliance in their economic development may be forced to take the difficult political decision of seeking to borrow capital on long-term basis in foreign markets.

These are some of the conclusions reached in an 880-page book published here by the joint economic committee of the United States Congress and simply entitled *Chinese Economy, post-Mao*.

The authors emphasize time and again that forecasting developments in China is now exceptionally difficult, especially as power struggles and policy disputes in Peking are probable. The events of recent days underlines this warning.

The book comprises a large number of papers written by 35 academics and government officials with the assistance of a wide range of institutions including St Catherine's College, Oxford, the University of Uppsala in Sweden, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

It provides a most useful guide to China's present economic problems, the political difficulties they pose and the prospects for this most populous of nations.

In 1976, China accounted for only 6.7 per cent of the combined gross national product of the United States, the European Community, the Soviet Union, Japan and itself, but its share will almost certainly rise to a considerable degree in coming years.

To attain this position the Chinese will have to deal with the prime problem of preserving socialist values at a time of immense economic change and modernization, according to a number of the experts.

The goal by the year 2,000 is clear enough, although how it will be attained is a problem for political and economic observers of China.

The declared hope of Peking's leaders is to honour the call of Chou En-lai for the "four modernizations"—agriculture, industry, defence and science and technology.

The shorter-term goals were indicated at the fifth National People's Congress in February of this year by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, who called for a 4 to 5 per cent rate of growth in agricultural production and over 10 per cent growth in industrial output by 1985.

Many of the writers in this book doubt whether the Chinese will achieve these goals, but none wishes to dismiss them as unrealistic too quickly, because, as one academic noted, China has increased its output over the past 25 years more than 80-fold and this remarkable record was attained despite the severe disruptions caused by the "Great Leap Forward" in the early 1960s and by the Cultural Revolution a decade ago.

A determined effort by the Chinese to modernize their Army and equip it with sophisticated weapons, which would have to be purchased in large part from overseas, would undoubtedly make the attainment of industrial and agricultural output goals much harder. In this regard the comments made in this volume by Mr Nicholas Lardy, of Yale University, are interesting, albeit controversial.

The production of food remains China's largest single problem. The outlook here is brightening, not only because of dramatic efforts to increase energy, fertilizer availability and irrigation which opens the way for much greater yield per acre under cultivation, but also because of successes in controlling population growth.

But if the Chinese are to have any chance of realizing their goals then all the academics seem agreed that they must move towards borrowing overseas and sharply increase their exports.

161 Vietnamese arrive in Canada from Hai Hong

Montreal, Nov 26.—Waving and smiling at government officials, 161 Vietnamese stepped off a Canadian military jet transport last night.

They were the first to escape the cargo ship Hai Hong which anchored off the Malaysian coast nearly a month ago with about 2,500 Vietnamese on board. A Second World war armoury will be their home for the next four days, while officials go through customs, immigration and job finding procedures.

"The heaviest clothing worn by any of the group was a plastic raincoat", an immigration official said. "Most of the children were barefoot." Temperatures were well below freezing when they arrived, but officials tried to ease the weather shock by taxiing the aircraft to the inside of a large Air Canada hangar at Dorval international airport

The group included 100 people under the age of 20, and 40 of those were under 11 years. —UPI.

Kuala Lumpur: The West German cargo ship Tom Jakob, has rescued a Vietnamese fishing vessel carrying about 500 refugees in the South China Sea, and is towing it to Thailand.

The rescue was made last night as the German authorities said they would accept 1,000 Vietnamese stranded in Malaysia. West Germany has already accepted 1,650 Vietnamese refugees.

Dr Willi Ritter, the West German Ambassador to Malaysia, said tonight that he had been advised that Bonn has decided to accept this group and about 500 from the Hai Hong.

An international meeting in Geneva on December 11 is to discuss refugees and illegal immigrants from Indo-China.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse.

Soviet harvest may be hit by limited storage

Moscow, Nov 26.—Lack of storage space may adversely affect the Soviet Union's biggest-ever grain harvest, *Pravda* indicated today.

It said the country had "far less room" than it needed for storing the crop, which according to Mr Alexei Kosygin, the Prime Minister, is expected to exceed 230 million tonnes.

Limited drying facilities and baling centres and poor transport to granaries were delaying storage of the grain and causing losses, the newspaper said.

It gave no overall figures, but said that in the Saratov region, south-east of Moscow, which it took as an example, grain drying was proceeding at one third the necessary rate.

At the time of Mr Kosygin's announcement earlier this month economic observers here suggested the figure could be discounted by some 20 per cent because of inadequate storage.—Reuter.

Romania defies Russia on arms spending

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Nov 26

In an open act of defiance President Ceausescu of Romania has clashed with Moscow over increased military expenditure of the Warsaw Pact, and refused to sign an agreement which would have meant greater integration of military forces.

News of Romania's defiance was revealed by President Ceausescu yesterday a few days after the Warsaw Pact summit ended in Moscow.

The main disagreement arose over Moscow's attempt to boost up the military budget of the Warsaw Pact forces because of increasing international tension which Romania bluntly disagreed with.

President Ceausescu said Romania refused to increase its military spending to the Warsaw Pact because the international situation did not warrant any special or emergency measures.

There was no immediate danger of war, he said, and any proposal for increased military expenditure would have to be put to the Romanian Parliament for approval as the constitution did not permit anyone but Parliament to decide on Romania's defence policy and armaments.

Romania, he said, had not conceded nor, indeed, would it ever concede to anyone the right to engage the Romanian Army in any military action.

This is a significant reference because it reaffirms that Romania intends to remain fully in charge of its armed forces and, thus, by implication the refusal to give any part of Romania's armed force for disposition by the Warsaw Pact.

That President Ceausescu went ahead and, furthermore, was in a hurry to disclose what happened in Moscow, is in itself significant, as Romania was evidently under increased pressure before the Warsaw Pact summit to agree to the spending.

The summit was in fact to have taken place one month earlier and a trip to Bucharest in October by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was clearly necessary in order to reach agreement, as it appeared at the time that Romania was even thinking of boycotting the meeting.

Mr Ceausescu recently met President Tito in Belgrade. It was suggested that on the eve of the Warsaw Pact summit both countries felt the need to reiterate their views on the international situation.

According to Yugoslav sources Soviet pressures to increase military spending of the Warsaw Pact have not been well received in other Soviet block countries, each of which is having considerable domestic economic problems and is clearly resentful of being asked to allot more for joint rearmament and technology.

Even in Bulgaria officials spoke of the heavy burden of military expenditure, and a high-ranking Bulgarian Foreign Ministry official, speaking of the measures which the Warsaw Pact inevitably would have to take in view of alleged Western threats, was a "heavy burden" as "we could spend this money for better uses".

One of the reasons Mr Ceausescu gave for refusing to increase military expenditure was that it would have prevented Romania from increasing the standard of living.

Prisoners of conscience



Argentina: Pedro Justo Rodriguez

By Clifford Longley

Señor Pedro Justo Rodrigues, a senior clerk in the town council offices in Cinco Saltas, was a member of the Peronist Party in Argentina until President Isabel Perón was overthrown by the military junta in the spring of 1976. He was apparently not particularly active nor interested in politics, but like many other supporters of Señora Perón he was arrested by the security authorities and held without trial.

He has not been allowed access to his lawyer, and sees his family for less than one hour a month. He is said to have lost about three stone in weight. His case is typical except that it has been taken up in Britain as a result of the activities of friends and of human rights organizations.

As a result of pressure from MPs, the Foreign Office has issued a letter of consent for Señor Rodrigues to come to Britain.

He has applied for permission to be allowed out of prison to come to Britain, and his plea is to be heard, for the second time, next Saturday.

Jewish family to leave Moscow with second child

Moscow, Nov 26.—A Jewish family about to emigrate when their second child was born has received permission to leave for Vienna with both children next Wednesday, the family said today.

Mr Boris Katz, his wife, Natalia, and their sick daughter, Jessica, were given exit visas earlier this month after their case was taken up by Senator Edward Kennedy. But the arrival of a second daughter last week forced them to return the visas temporarily to obtain permission for her to leave with them.

Until Senator Kennedy's intervention they had been refused permission to emigrate and seek help in the West

Tito initiative takes heat out of Macedonian issue

By Our Special Correspondent
Sofia, Nov 26

Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are to lay side temporarily their dispute over Macedonia, and make yet another attempt to create a better climate which would enable them to settle the disagreement.

The first sign that the Yugoslavs were anxious to play down the problem came from President Tito, who travelled to Skipje, the capital of Macedonia, last month to impress upon the leadership there the necessity to take the heat out of the dispute.

His speech there suggests that rather than press for immediate recognition of the Macedonian minority by Bulgaria, the existence of which the Bulgarians deny, the Yugoslavs are now more inclined to take a long-term view.

They have obviously come to realize that escalation of the dispute, especially after Bulgaria launched a diplomatic counterattack last summer, was beginning to be counter-productive.

In Skopje, President Tito set the tone for a new approach to the problem with Bulgaria by assuring the Macedonians that Yugoslavia would persevere in its efforts to obtain Bulgarian recognition of Macedonian ethnic rights.

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LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE
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CONCERTS

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GERALD FLOOD
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THEATRES

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"The most powerful female acting seen in London this year."—Observer.
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"The nudity is stunning."—D. Tel. 9TH SENSATIONAL YEAR

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CLOUDS
"IS BLISS".—Observer. "MICHAEL FRAYN'S FUNNIEST PLAY."—D. Telegraph.

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A New Thriller Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
"THREE CHEERS FOR TWO HOURS OF MARVELLOUS ENTERTAINMENT."—S. Telegraph.

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TEN TIMES TABLE
"THIS MUST BE THE HAPPIEST LAUGHTER MAKER IN LONDON."—D. Tel. "AN IRRESISTIBLY ENJOYABLE EVENING."—Sunday Times.

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755 Prev. Wed 8.0 opens Thur 7.0 Subs 8.0, Mat. Sat 2.30
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HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 4.30 & 8.0.
GERALDINE McEWAN CLIVE FRANCIS NIGEL STOCK PETER BOWLES PAUL HARDWICK and **FENELLA FIELDING** in **LOOK AFTER LULU** by NOEL COWARD with **GARY RAYMOND** MUST END DECEMBER 9

HER MAJESTY'S. cc 01-930 6606 Evgs. 7.30 Mats. Wed and Sat. 3.0
THE NEW MUSICAL **BAR MITZVAH BOY**
"THIS STUNNING PRODUCTION—UNIQUELY ENJOYABLE". F. Times. "THE FUNNIEST MUSICAL AROUND —BAR NONE". S. Mirror.

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THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW DON'T DREAM IT. SEE IT!

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JOAN PLOWRIGHT FRANK FINLAY
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"TOTAL TRIUMPH" E. News. "AN EVENT TO TREASURE." D. Mirror. "MAY IT FILL THE LYRIC FOR A HUNDRED YEARS." S. Times.

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DYLAN THOMAS'S UNDER MILK WOOD

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SOOTY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

THEATRES

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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

PALLADIUM. C.C. 01-437 7373 Opening Dec. 20 for a Season
DANNY LA RUE as "MERRY" WIDOW TWANKEY in **ALADDIN**
ALFRED MARKS as Abanazer Dilys WATLING Brian MARSHALL and WAYNE SLEEP
Preview December 19 at 7.30

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A NEW PLAY BY TOM STOPPARD Directed by PETER WOOD

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EVITA
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AN EVENING WITH DAVE ALLEN
"UNDOUBTEDLY THE FUNNIEST SHOW IN TOWN"—Sunday Express. LIMITED SEASON—LAST WEEK

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ANNIE
"BLOCK-BUSTING SMASH HIT MUSICAL"—DAILY MAIL.

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WIZARD OF OZ
Seats £3, £2, £1.

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Xmas show "Wizard of Oz" Daily 2.15 pm, Sat 11 am & 2.15 pm

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"ENORMOUSLY RICH, VERY FUNNY"—E. News
Mary O'Malley's Smash-hit Comedy
ONCE A CATHOLIC
"Sure fire comedy on sex and religion" Daily Telegraph "MAKES YOU SHAKE WITH LAUGHTER"—Guardian.

YOUNG VIC 928 6363. Ton't Wed. Fri. 7.30. Tomor. 7 **THE TEMPEST** Thu. 7.30 **HAMLET.** Sat. 7.30 **RICHARD III** a Shakespeare trilogy **ACTION MAN**

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ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Alain Resnais's **PROVIDENCE** (X). Progs. 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40. 29th Wk.
ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Goretta's **THE LACE MAKER** (AA). Pgs. 6.15, 8.40, Sat./Sun. 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.
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EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 437 1234. Seats bookable for last eve. perf. Mon.-Fri. and all perfs. Sat. & Sun. (not late night shows) at the box office (11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon. to Sat.) or by post. No telephone bookings.
GREASE (A) sep. progs. daily 2.30 (matinee), 6.00 (1st eve.), 8.30 last eve.).
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ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738/2771). **MIDNIGHT EXPRESS** (X). Sep. progs. Dly. at 2.30, 5.30, 8.30 p.m. All seats bkble.
ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). **EYES OF LAURA MARS** (AA). Sep. progs. Dly. doors open 2.00, 4.45, 7.45.
ODEON MARBLE ARCH, W.2. (723 2011/2). **REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER** (A). Progs. Com. 3.15, 8.15.
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THE ARTS



Ben Cross and Antonia Ellis — Photograph by Donald Cooper

The year's most adult musical

Chicago
Crucible, Sheffield

Irving Wardle

Why this acclaimed "musical vaudeville" by the authors of *Cabaret* should move on from a three-year Broadway smash to a European premiere of three weeks in a provincial rep is a question best answered by Harold Fielding who let his option lapse. It only remains for me to endorse the superlatives of the American reviewers and congratulate Sheffield on revealing *Chicago* as the year's most adult musical (not forgetting *Annie* and *Evita*).

It is the story of Roxie Hart; not the blameless Ginger Rogers pert, but the homicidal heroine of Maurine Dallas Watkins's play, written immediately after the 1924 acquittal of the Chicago housewife, who shot her boy friend, "played a Hawaiian fox trot on the victrola and then called her husband to report killing 'the man who tried to make love to me'".

Chicago tied with *The Front Page* as the Broadway hit of 1926-27, and perhaps it would revive as well as Hecht and MacArthur's play. The musical is in no sense a revival. As adapted by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse (book and lyrics) and John Kander (music) it is a perennial American fable that evokes the 1920s only to put the finger on the modern spectator. Sneer at Roxie, the show says, and you will be sneering at yourself.

The trick is to surround her drab little melodrama with a brassy chorus line, who take over the centre of the stage as Roxie herself becomes a star. Stripped to basic female battledress, the chorus are as crudely obvious and as appetizing as a steak dinner. They are the glittering, aggressive emblem of the American hunger for visibility, and Roxie conquers them because she outmatches all competitors in the fanatically single-minded desire to be seen. Sex, money, and murder are only a means to starring in vaudeville. The sad alternative is embodied in her dumb-mechanic husband, a devoted stooge who squanders his life's savings on her defence and remains invisible to everyone he meets, as he informs the house in his apologetic number, "Mr Cellophane".

Not so long ago we were congratulating Sam Shepard on the daring experimental novelty of fusing the vocabularies of crime and show business. *Chicago* does the same thing in the big commercial scale and applies it to every feature of the production. Cook County Jail becomes a combination of theatre's backstage and an agent's office, with the Matron fixing court bookings for her stunningly attired clients. Billy Flynn, the star defence lawyer (Ben Cross) comes on as the town's most sought-after leading man attended by a chorus of raving fans who strip him down to his leopard-skin underwear. And when one of his girls happens to fall foul of the jury, her execution is presented as a sequinned trapeze act.

As in *Cabaret*, Ebb and Kander succeed in politicizing the female suspender belt; and they relieve any sense of glib irony with a prolific formal inventiveness. Roxie (Antonia Ellis) gives her first press conference as a ventriloquist's dummy on Billy's knee: she spars with her rival Velma (Jenny Logan) first in a one-girl double act and then in a solo duet, with the two enemies back to back (Velma hunched over the prison radio, finally acknowledges her defeat by the upstart in a duet with the Matron lamenting the decline of the fine old values: "Now every sonofabitch is a snake in the grass, whatever happened to class?"

Fully integrated with the action, Mr Kander's score is as dramatically at home with the waltz and tango as with the expected sounds of Old Chicago; and Peter James's production animates every inch of the Crucible's vast thrust stage, in particular using the perimeter and the traps to enforce the idea of instant celebrity and abrupt disappearance. The show may not be in London, but it has found the right theatre.

Bournemouth Sinfonietta
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Like the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, now comfortably settled with Paavo Berglund from Finland, so the Bournemouth Sinfonietta has looked to Europe for its principal conductor. He is the Berlin-born Volker Wangenheim, appointed music director of the City of Bonn in 1963 and professor at the Cologne State Music Academy nine years later. On Friday he chose a predominantly eighteenth-century programme for the Sinfonietta to play in London, under the aegis of Bournemouth's generous, pleasant benefactors, Harvey's of Bristol.

The rewards of the partnership were immediately apparent in the opening works, Vivaldi's splendid "Per la Solennità di San Lorenzo" concerto in C, at once fullbodied, taut and buoyant with a first class lead from the concertante group of two violins and cello. That Mr Wangenheim himself is something of a stylist as well as a good orchestral disciplinarian was reaffirmed in the Concertino No 2 in G, wisely ascribed in the programme to either Pergolesi or Ricciotti, since experts do not agree. Anonymous as it proved in comparison with Vivaldi, the affectionately interwoven dialogue between violins and cello in the slow movement remains in the memory.

In the context of Friday the odd man out was Dallapiccola, whose brief, atmospheric *Piccola Musica Notturna* (1954) was not perhaps quite so much up Mr Wangenheim's own clear-cut street, but which nevertheless elicited sensitive wisps of melody and flecks of colour from various members of the group.

Mr Wangenheim himself was back on surer ground in Haydn's "Clock" symphony, counterbalancing the Mozart piano concerto heard earlier. It was brave of Philippe Entremont to choose K415 in C, not one of the most characterful despite some idyllic moments in the Andante and those unpredictably disturbing C minor interpolations in the finale. He tackled it boldly, with a particularly penetrating right hand, though without quite finding the perfect Mozartian limpidity, elegance or finesse.

LPO/Haitink
Festival Hall

William Mann

Benjamin Britten would have been 65 last Wednesday. For composers it is not a significant a birthday as for other working folk; yet it may have been the occasion which prompted Bernard Haitink, in his London Philharmonic concert two days later on Friday, to revive one of Britten's least familiar and most brilliant early works, the cantata *Our Hunting Fathers*. The programme was completed with a Haitink speciality, Bruckner's eighth symphony.

Our Hunting Fathers was commissioned for the 1936 Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Festival, a gesture of uncommon faith in a young East Anglian composer of 22, hardly out of musical conservatory, known to be clever but not yet of established reputation. Britten's friend, W. H. Auden, compiled a text about people and animals, as pests, pets, and prey. The composer set it for a large orchestra with a soprano soloist of exceptional range and vocal versatility. The Norfolk gentry, with a hunting father in almost every family, found Britten's "symphonic cycle" offensive, at the least impertinently satirical. Those who could read between Auden's lines must have sensed that *Our Hunting Fathers* is not entirely concerned with Siamese cats and faithful hounds, witness Auden's conclusion about the "mature ambition to hunger, work illegally, and be anonymous".

The work was summarily buried, only lately exhumed not least thanks to the soprano Heather Harper, who was the soloist on Friday. We know her as an experienced Britten interpreter, a dab hand at florid Handel, with the power to penetrate a Wagner orchestra. She brings these special accomplishments to *Our Hunting Fathers*, the cadenzas on "Rats" and "Fie", the whirring noises and the long, slow upward glissando, and, most of all, the important words truly sung with eloquent vocal colour.

Haitink and his London orchestra revelled in the music's piquancy and virtuoso sound-palette, with xylophone and saxophone and tuba, also with many an idea that looks forward to *Peter Grimes*, the Spring Symphony, even the later operas.

It is absurd that so seminal a Britten work should not be accessible as a gramophone record: here is the opportunity to repair the omission.

Rossini party re-created

A Christmas concert, based on a re-creation of a musical party held in Rossini's house in Paris in 1860, is being held in aid of UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund), at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tomorrow at 7.45 pm.

Included will be excerpts from *L'Italiana in Algieri*, *La Cenerentola* and *Comte Ory*. The singers are Yvonne Kenny, Gillian Knight, Penelope Thorn, Keith Lewis, Tom McDonnell and Malcolm King. The narrator is John Amis. Special guests are Erich Gruenberg, who will play Paganini, and Peter Wallfisch who will play Beethoven. Stephen Barlow conducts the New Chamber Soloists Orchestra leader Stephen Rowlinson.

MONDAY BOOK

Saturday Night People
London Weekend

Michael Church

Russell is urbane, adroit, empathetic, whimsical rather than witty. Mothers love him, grown-up sons can't bear him. Janet is flamboyant, unpredictable, and wears her conversational bovver boots at all times. People either love her in a slightly awestruck way, or else they loathe her, with seldom any gradation in-between. Clive, the Aussie bruiser, is loved by some for his elegant, pertinent wit, and hated by others who think he abuses his easy success.

Which means that as we Londoners watch *Saturday Night People* (it ended its first run this weekend) we are always and inevitably in what one might call a heads, bodies and legs situation, with an extra appendage in the form of a guest journalist regularly adding to the stylistic cacophony. And style is of the essence. These people must not only sparkle, but sparkle at the correct frequency, if the necessary illusion of a hard-headed, corruscating little community is to be maintained.

The community's purpose, of course, has been a worthy one, both to entertain and inform, with "gossip" interpreted less as personal snidery than as public investigation. Those occasions when the pub[lic] investigation has been co[n]ducted in a personally sni[dey] way have not always seem[ed] outrageously below the bel[t]: some people really do ask for [it].

So has the purpose be[en] achieved? Yes, by fits [and] starts. Ironically, the rep[ort] which landed the show in [the] history books by stopping t[he] first ABC Secrets trial was [a] brief, autocued gobbet whi[ch] could only have interested co[n]noisseurs of that ridiculo[us] affair: clever use of televisi[on] certainly, but hardly "good te[le]vision". There has been so[me] useful digging at the interfa[ce] between politics and busine[ss] and between newspapers a[nd] the police, but there has alwa[ys] seemed a tension between t[he] researchers' rigours and t[he] front people's more genial pr[o]clivities. Maybe this is no b[ad] thing. Investigative journali[sm] is both very important a[nd] usually, very boring.

So were we amused? Y[es,] often. Janet Street-Porter['s] go-anywhere, say-anything [...] anyone talent has been w[ell] applied. Clive James is a mast[er] of cumulative lunacy, witn[ess] his set-piece reports like th[e one] on Joyce McKinney and [...] indefatigable pursuit of [...] flightful bee. Russell Harty [...] ably held the unwieldy packa[ge] together. Compared with mo[st] new television recipes this o[ne] has been inventive and auc[da]cious: London Weekend are [to] be congratulated on taking t[he] risk, and must be persuaded [to] take it again soon.

Fedora
St John's

Paul Griffiths

Among the many lesser examples of that operatic style which we have learned to call *verismo*, as if romantic melodrama ever had much to do with truth, Giordano's *Fedora* stands some way above the worst and may even merit more honour than it at present receives outside Italy. Last heard at Covent Garden in 1925, the work was revived on Thursday by Abbey Opera in a concert performance which had enough style to cover the weak points with a stirring show of strong melody and, even in a church setting, naive but electric theatre.

In many respects, not least its foundation in a play by Sardou, *Fedora* invites comparison with *Tosca*, which it preceded. It contains no creature as nasty as Scarpia, but it is similarly a story of love embroiled with secret revolutionary activism, and the third act even opens with mountain music and a distant peasant boy's song. The background is that of late nineteenth-century Russia, though one might be forgiven for not noticing that, except when the stream of Italian twists itself around the unfamiliar syllables of "Vladimir Andreyevich". Giordano does not make his music specifically Russian, nor depart far from the orbit of Puccini.

His foreshadowing of *Tosca* is most remarkable in the central role, a part which belon[ged] to Sarah Bernhardt in t[he] spoken drama and which in t[he] opera demands a singer [of] stamina and presence. [On] Thursday Helen Lawren[ce] showed both those qualities [to] a high degree and added a co[n]sistently musical feeling f[or] line. Everything she did w[as] sung, not bawled, sobbed [or] murmured, and her confiden[ce] in the expressive power of h[er] singing was amply justifie[d]. This was an exciting perform[ance], climbing without stra[in] to the passionate heights, a[nd] compellingly acted through t[he] voice.

The principal tenor role, th[at] of Count Loris Ipanoff, w[as] sung by Stuart Kale, who w[as] substituting at 24 hours' notic[e]. Understandably he display[ed] signs of uncertainty now a[nd] again, but under the circu[m]stances this was an astonis[h]ingly natural portrayal. Even [if] his voice may be too gentle a[nd] correct for outbursts of em[o]tion, he was able to make mu[ch] of his lyrical episodes, whe[re] his simple dignity was effe[c]tive.

Among the rest of the ca[st] the baritone Peter Lyon ma[de] a fine showing as de Sirie[x], singing freely and well. Ela[ine] Hewitt was too brittle and bu[...] like as Olga, often with on[ly] her top notes to be heard abo[ve] the orchestra or other voice[s]. Lawrence Reed was proper[ly] cavernous and abrupt as t[he] police officer Grech, a[nd] Michel Kalliperis gave a stur[dy] account of Cirillo's narrati[ve]. The orchestra was the Y[...] Musicians' Symphony, their e[n]thusiasm fanned to excell[ent] effect by Brian Wright.

Ghost-hunting fraud

Search for Harry Price
By Trevor H. Hall
(Duckworth, £7.95)

In the Thirties popular interest in the study of allegedly psychic phenomena, in ghosts, hauntings, poltergeists and all manner of occult happenings, was enormously increased by the writings and activities of Harry Price, "the best-known and most prolific psychic journalist of his generation". His autobiography *Search for Truth*, published in 1942, among the numerous books he put forth between 1922 and 1946, has evoked from Dr Trevor Hall a comprehensive, even relentless, investigation of Harry Price and all his words and works. The recording angel could not have done a better job.

It would appear (though I would not have thought so) that there are still many people who regard Mr Price as an authentic and trustworthy psychic researcher of many curious events beyond the frontiers of the physical universe. This despite the exposure of the Borley Rectory legend in what Professor Flew in *The Spectator* so long ago as 1956 described as "a shattering and fascinating document offering satisfaction at last to all who have been curious to know what was the truth about Borley and gripping the reader as a true story of detection".

Here then is an even more shattering and fascinating document which leaves the unfortunate Harry Price naked to posterity, without a rag of integrity, and with utterly nothing to his credit except a final grudging admission that in collecting a large library of books on his subject and leaving it to the University of London, he raised one useful achievement.

For all that, and admitting the thoroughgoing and efficient dissection here of this egregious fraud, I would ha[ve] welcomed in the book a tou[ch] of humour here and there, a[n] even of humanity. I never m[et] Harry Price, but I feel tha[t] [he] must have been, whatever el[se], an engaging and li[vely] character. The biggest li[ars] often are! And it was no me[an] achievement to put over on t[he] general public for so ma[ny] years a number of "co[njuring] tricks" which kept them ag[og] with curiosity. Horatio Botto[m]ley came out of prison to b[e] greeted with popular acclai[m]. And if Harry Price was a[n] even bigger humbug, as [it] seems proved, he deserves h[is] meed of praise. "Well don[e], thou faithless and disobedie[nt] servant . . . For a while y[ou] kept the gullible public fro[m] worse diversions than fak[e] ghosts."

The Truth of Harry Price, [...] it emerges from this inqui[si]tion, is simply that like ma[ny] others, he wanted somehow [to] be somebody, to be significa[nt] and famous. He tried archae[ol]ogy and numismatics, and h[is] efforts to pose as an authori[ty] on these subjects are here pi[ti]lessly shown up by expert[s]. Then he married money, a[nd] found ghost-hunting a fruitf[ul] field to exploit. And ho[w] thoroughly he exploited it!

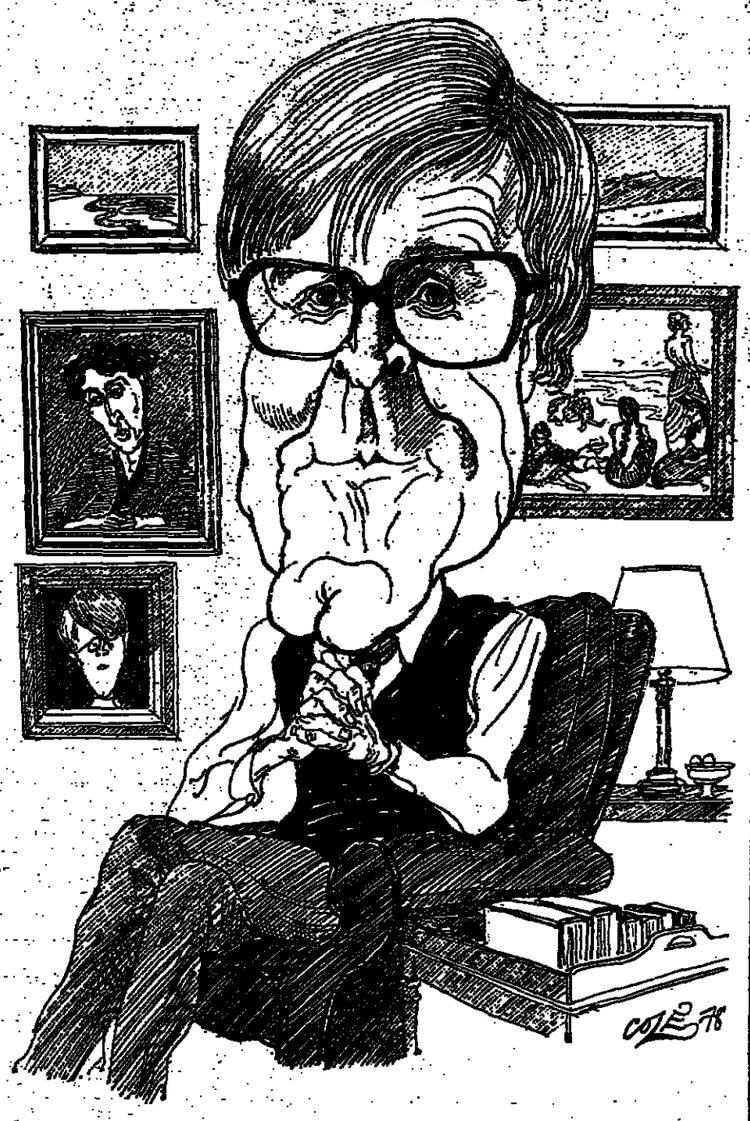
It would surely have be[en] enough to expose his mounta[in]bank activities in the name [of] scientific psychical researc[h]. But Dr Hall and his collabo[ra]tors have left no stone u[n]turned or unthrown. A[ll] Price's pathetic fantasies a[nd] deceptions are ruthlessly la[id] bare. It was said of Lytto[n] Strachey that he deserved [to] be written up by another Ly[t]ton Strachey. I am left wonde[r]ing, after reading this boo[k], whether the same *Karma* m[ay] not be meted out to Trevor [...] *Hall; or, for that matter, to a[ll]* of us. A peculiarly soberi[ng] thought!

Joseph McCulloc[h]

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Alcoholics *Synonymous*". *In contrast, his* television plays are naturalistic, rambling studies of everyday characters from the north of England and NW1.

Four ITV plays are directed by Stephen Frears, who has directed all of Bennett's plays for the BBC, and who met him when they were both at the Royal Court for Ben *Travers's Cuckoo In The Nest. It is a* close collaboration and they rarely need to confer. Frears says he only knows for certain that he is doing the right thing because Bennett continues to work with him.

All his plays share the precision and perfection in writing which the others in *Beyond the Fringe* often found tiresome.

He likes to write lines as they could be said and, in this respect, all his plays are collections of detailed conversations which together make a play. His lines are directly inspired by reality and he is a compulsive recorder of overheard sayings. He keeps a little black book for the purpose and scampers off to jot down the raw material for a future character. It is an art he inherited from his father, a Yorkshire butcher, who used to imitate his wife's sisters, to the great amusement of the young Bennett. "The only reason I write down lines or remarks I overhear is that I would forget them if I didn't. My memory is so bad that I could apply for the geriatric ward now, if there were an early entry scheme. I find the lines I've written down useful when I come to try and shape a character for a play. The character can be built up from actual remarks, rather than from an abstract idea. Olga, *the Stalinist in The Old Country*, is a failure as a character because I have have never met such a person or eavesdropped on her conversation."

But isn't this clever aping of others' innocent remarks patronizing? Bennett thinks not. "You don't patronize or make fun of someone when you laugh at them. Very often you are celebrating them. In *Me, I'm Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, Thora Hird plays a northern woman, mother of a 35-year-old bachelor. She's funny and *puzzled, but because she's recognizable* she's not diminished or, as you say, patronized. Half the battle is getting accurately the way such women talk. Northern *English is often written* and played simply as a roughened up version of standard English. It isn't. It's structurally different, the wit in it lying not in what is said but *in the way it's put.*"

In addition to this savouring of moments, Bennett celebrates the peculiarities of the English character, the paradoxical nature of England and *the English which is more* clearly articulated in the north. For this he depends upon his keen powers of social observation, his love of the north and its *people and his knowledge of himself. He* is a model Englishman, at once bluntly straightforward and reserved; enthusiastic yet difficult to impress; a private person *who loves to perform*; holding strong views on everything but with no logical framework; a hard working professional who likes to make out that he is merely a *lucky amateur. In The Old Country*, Hilary says: "In England we never entirely mean what we say, do we? Do I mean that? Nor entirely. And logically it follows *that when we say we don't mean what* we say, only then are we entirely serious." However, to be English and to want to write about England is not fashionable.

"It's funny how one can be *accused*, of being English. It's somehow a failing. Of course I'd quite like to be more European and indeed a little more timeless (if only for financial reasons) but how do you start? Cut the jokes, I suppose. The films *I've made with Stephen Frears are all very* English because he's of a similar cast of mind; they're diverse, and, I hope, humane. I think this is why I've never been able to accumulate *any lasting* credit at the BBC. (The BBC was offered my LWT plays but turned them down.) At the moment the BBC seems to favour plays that make very direct statements. Mine don't. They wander, they joke and they don't reach many conclusions. Certainly they don't suggest how society can be improved or reconstructed. Mind you, the playwrights who write these kind of direct plays often seem to me to have *more in their heads than they have in their hearts. Which is not to say they have* a great deal in their heads."

"I feel less English than I used to do. I lived in New York during the Broadway *run of Beyond the Fringe. I couldn't wait* to get back to England. These days I rejoice in New York, feel a different person there. Private medicine or no private medicine, the Americans are a graver, fairer and more honest people then we are. They lack irony but we have an overdose of it. It's got into our bones. We kid ourselves we are a kind and considerate people and maybe we still are in our private lives and outside our large cities. But London life these days seems to me churlish, avaricious and grudging. Whereas New York is vigorous, generous and witty. People talk to each other in the street. They lead a public life and they make up their language as they go along, something we have long since ceased to do."

His mind is turning increasingly towards *New York and, between working on a* screenplay based on John Lahr's biography of Joe Orton, *Prick Up Your Ears*, he is thinking of using the city as the subject of his next play. He is plainly not entirely happy living in London. *The Old Country* was about exile and the prospect of returning home to a changed and fast changing Britain. The characters indulge themselves in fashionable reaction, bemoaning the demise of Pathé News, the lending library at the Army and Navy and the traditional Holy Communion, the rise of universal jean wearing, antique shops in Walton Street, muggers in Malmesbury and the desecration of English cities like Bath, Worcester and Brighton.

It is, perhaps, no accident that Bennett once adapted Evelyn Waugh's overstatement about the end of great country houses, *Brideshead Revisited*, for John Schlesinger. (It was never made.)

If anything keeps him in Britain it will be *his dependence upon a small, close knit* group of friends, mainly stemming from his university days and now mostly working in broadcasting or journalism. (He also keeps up with the *Beyond the Fringe* team.) He meets few people outside of this circle and uses this distance from the world—he reads *The Times*, watches a small television but rarely goes to the cinema or the theatre—too, as he says, "pump himself up" for inspiration. Apart from occasional bouts of northern gloom, he is a happy person.

"I have a small group of friends and we do laugh a great deal. Giggling is a great divider, I find. Any set up where giggles are out repels me. Covent Garden I put in this category. I like opera on record but hate it in live performance because of the reverential atmosphere that surrounds it. No giggles there. I once went to a dress rehearsal of *Eugene Onegin* at Covent Garden some years ago now. Solti was conducting and the audience was full of Isaiah Berlin and other social and intellectual grandees. Some unfortunate person coughed, maybe they even breathed. Solti stopped and glared and the whole atmosphere was so reverent it made you want to fart (though anonymously). I've no time for any of that. We make too much of art. When a society *sets* too much store by art there is something wrong. I only wish I was clever enough to know what."

He is extremely sensitive to social embarrassment and this also affects the way he views his own work. He is his own sternest critic. "My stage plays vaguely embarrass me. Once they're staged and running I don't like going along to see them. I do go into the theatre. I'll sit backstage and gossip with the actors or wait in a dressing room with the tannoy turned down. This reluctance isn't so much modesty as shame. In a story about a writer, Borges remarks 'All the books he *had ever published* filled him with a complex feeling of repentance'. And that's it exactly. It's a pity as it takes away a lot of joy in the job. I suppose it's a way of saying I like writing, but don't like what I've written. Television doesn't affect me in quite the same way, though I don't like watching one of my television plays in company. The technology distances them more. They're less immediate, not so much to do with me. I still wince a lot, though. *I suppose that's what I'm saying: I quite* often make me wince."

Nicholas Wapshott

SPORT

Cricket



A spectacular attempt by Botham to run out Balcom is all in vain.

The moment when helmets became an acceptable part of the game

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Brisbane, Nov 25

Queensland staged a worthy recovery here today. When play began they were only five runs ahead with four second innings wickets already down and one of *their opening batsmen out of* action. But they finished by leaving the England XI to make 208 to win, which had been reduced, by Boycott, Gooch and Randall, to 114 at close of play.

Disconcerted, I think, at having felled a couple of Queenslanders—Ogilvie on Friday and Walters *yesterday—the England* bowlers, especially Willis, started at half cock this morning. But the pitch had settled down, after two awkward days, and with McLean, the state captain, playing a splendidly aggressive innings there came a time this afternoon when England's bowling became really rather ragged.

Ogilvie, helmeted as a result of his first innings mishap, looked to me the best Australian batsman we have seen on the tour, bracketed, perhaps, with Toohey, of New South Wales. In the Sheffield Shield last season he hit six separate hundreds and scored 1,060 runs, an aggregate surpassed only by Bradman and Pons ford. So far, though, he has failed in Test cricket, having played with no particular success in the first three Tests against India last year or in two of the last three against West Indies this year. I shall be surprised if a lot more is not heard of him. Some of his driving this morning put me in mind of Barry Richards.

There were runs, as well, from numbers *nine and ten* on the Queensland side, more in the end than England could have been happy about. McLean revealed himself as an inveterate cutter. Even the half volley he saw as meat to be cut, until, when Botham was bowling, Brearley placed a second third man for him, half way back to the boundary. McLean is heavily built—burly, in fact. In his first innings he had given no indication that he might be capable of spreadeagling an English field, as he *did today.*

In the end it was as well for England that the batsmen mostly *got* themselves out. Hounis, a promising young cricketer, was caught at second slip by Old, slashing at Botham. A few minutes earlier he had been dropped at second slip by Botham off Old. Ogilvie drove the *first ball of a* new spell by Willis straight to extra cover: Dymock was caught at the wicket, hooking at a long hop; Balcom, having helped McLean to add 54 for the eighth wicket, was bowled having a swipe. Finally McLean, six short of what would have been his third first *class hundred, skied Old into the* covers, thinking by now that he could hit even the new ball back *over the bowler's head with* impunity.

In spite of having missed the first two first class games Botham is already the leading wicket taker on the side. With five wickets at Sydney and eight here he now has 13. Miller, with 11, comes next. If, as often seems to be the case, Botham is a lucky cricketer, then so much the better. He has not bowled especially well here, but batsmen get out to him, partly I think, because they never know what to expect next. He has about him some of Eddie Barlow's unpredictable and energetic flair.

With only 13 overs in the last fortnight Edmonds will go into Friday's Test match short of bowling. He loves to bowl, but the pitch here has not had much to offer him. More satisfactorily, *when England went in this even*ing Boycott had two hours' batting and played pretty well. Again Gooch looked on the point of an innings when he was caught in the gully, and again Randall did his stuff, sometimes in a way that made Boycott shake his head. With 272 runs at an average of 90 *Randall is the party's highest* scorer.

Yesterday evening, for the first time since they were introduced a *year ago, I was thankful to see a* batsman coming to the wicket in a helmet. A little earlier Walters had been taken from the field, like Ogilvie on the first day, bleeding from a head wound and lucky to be alive after being hit by a bouncer from Willis. Walters, 26 and bespectacled, had looked palpably ill-equipped to contend with short, fast bowling on a pitch of uneven bounce. The sight and sound of the ball crashing into the bridge of his spectacles converted me there and then to an acceptance of helmets, at any rate for batsmen, so long as the bouncer is used as indiscriminately *as it is today.*

This particular one might well have pinned Vivian Richards or whoever you choose to think of as the world's best batsman, bowled from wide of the crease it cut back off the pitch, rising steeply and following the batsman as it went. For Walters, who was *shaping no stroke, there was no* escape. Willis had bowled fewer bouncers than in Queensland's first innings, and he was perfectly entitled to bowl this one. Even so, as on the last tour here the umpires seem to me to lack the judgment to prevent things from getting out of hand, should they *start to go that way.*

At least some of the blame for the injuries in this match must rest with the curator, who cut a new pitch, off the main part of the square, only a few hours before start of play on Friday. For an England team to be subjected to this, particularly on the eve of *a Test match, is absurd, especially* on a ground in such good condition as the Gabba is at present. *The English plea for a fast pitch,* when they arrived in Brisbane last Monday, may have led to the curator's last minute change.

Before we came to Brisbane, and therefore quite uninfluenced by the happenings of this match, W. A. (Bill) Brown, who played 22 times for Australia between 1934 and 1948 and made three of his four test hundreds against England, made a revealing remark about bouncers. We were watching the Australian open golf *championship together in Sydney* when he brought the subject up. "Do you know," he said, "playing for New South Wales against Victoria before the war, the first bouncer I received—and I'd been batting since the start of play—was at five minutes to six." E. L. McCormick, Australia's fastest *bowler at that time, was playing* for Victoria too—and then, as now, the match was traditionally a needle one. So much have habits changed that today you may be fairly sure that the first ball Willis bowls in a match will be a bouncer.

The helmet Ogilvie wore in his *second innings was the one he was* forced to use regularly in the West Indies. Bouncers are now the staple diet of West Indian cricket, just as they are of Packer cricket. They are the curse of the modern game, and are fast becoming the death of the old one.

QUEENSLAND: First Innings. 172
I. A. D. Ogilvie roured hurt 45, C. M. Old 4 ten 551.
Second Innings
M. J. Walters, ret hurt .. 4
W. R. Broad, l-b-w, b Willis .. 0
G. J. Cosier, b Willis .. 0
T. V. Carson, b Botham .. 45
T. Y. Hounis, c Old, b Botham 43
T. V. Whyte, b Botham .. 0
A. D. Ogilvie, c Gower, b Willis 45
J. A. MacLean, c Gooch, b Old 32
G. Dymock, c Taylor, b Botham 16
L. F. Balcam, b Botham .. 21
G. W. Graham not out .. 2
Extras (b4, l-b2 n-b21) .. 27
Total 289
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—0, 3—45, 4—85, 5—121, 6—169, 7—214, 8—268, 9—386.
BOWLING: Willis, 11—1—46—3, Old 14.3—3—63—1, Botham, 20—3—70—5, Miller, 11—1—40—0, Edmonds, 8—1—35—0, Gooch, 1—0—8—0.

ENGLAND XI: First Innings.
G. Boycott, c Cosier, b Brabon .. 6
G. A. Gooch, c Brabon, b Dymock 34
D. W. Randall, c MacLean, b Balcam .. 66
R. W. Taylor, c MacLean, b Dymock 9
J. M. Brearley not out 75
G. I. Gower, b Balcam 6
C. Miller, c MacLean, b Dymock 18
I. T. Botham, c MacLean, b Dymock .. 6
C. M. Old, l-b-w Balcam .. 2
P. H. Edmonds, b Cosier 14
R. G. D. Willis, b Brabon .. 6
Extras (b1, l-b3, w1, n-b14) 19
Total 254
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—75, 3—90, 4—129, 5—148, 6—188, 7—201, 8—208, 9—241, 10—254.
BOWLING: Balcam, 13—1—56—3, Brabon, 10.1—1—45—2, Carlson, 14—1—48—0, Dymock, 12—3—36—4, Johns, 2—0—9—0, Cosier, 4—0—19—1, Whyte, 7—3—18—0.

Second Innings
G. Boycott not out 30
G. A. Gooch, c Ogilvie, b Carlson 23
D. W. Randall not out 33
Extras (b2, l-b1, n-b6) .. 9
Total (1 wkt) 94
Fall of Wicket: 1—42.

West Indies win Mr Packer's cup

Perth, Western Australia, Nov 26.—A West Indies XI beat an *Australian XI by one* wicket in the World Series Cricket (WSC) challenge cup final here today.

Deryck Murray, who made 33 not out, hit the winning runs with 12 balls to spare after West Indies had lost their ninth wicket at 105 replying to Australia's score of 123. Australia were all *out in 44.4 overs in the* limited overs match, losing their last nine wickets for 55 against some furious pace bowling by Michael Holding (three for 15) and Anderson Roberts (three for 16).

West Indies also suffered a batting collapse, losing six wickets for 14 runs after reaching 75 for *two. In a 17-ball spell, Gary* Gilmour captured four for two with his left arm swing bowling. Holding was ninth out, bowled by David Hookes for five, but *Murray shielded the last man.* Wayne Daniel, from the strike and swung Greg Chappell high over square leg for four to clinch victory.

In Sydney, WSC's attempt to win the support of cricket followers will face its first test of the new season when night games start on Tuesday. More than $1m has been spent to light the Sydney Cricket Ground and probably half as much again on a promotion campaign.

Radio stations have been running WSC competitions with WSC kit bags as the prizes. They contain season tickets, caps, books and badges. One station has also been running a competition which will give the winner the honour of tossing the coin before Tuesday night's game.

On the night of the game hamburgers will be given away, cricket balls tossed into the crowd, and raffle prizes drawn. There have been other regular promotions such as inviting the press to face Thomson and Lillee from behind a reinforced shield.

WSC SCORES: Challenge Cup final: Australian XI 123 (I. Chappell 33, M. Holding 5—15, A. Roberts 3—16); West Indies XI 125 for 9 (Murray 33, Richards 24, G. Gilmour 3—24). West Indies XI won by one wicket.—Reuter.

West Indians well placed on suspect pitch

Baroda, India, Nov 26.—The West Indies cricketers had their first taste of unruly Indian crowds today when thousands of people gatecrashed their match against West Zone here. They were strongly placed at 315 for nine on a suspect pitch, after fighting back from a *mid-innings collapse* when four wickets fell for 12 runs.

The small cricket ground, in the park of the old Baroda Palace, had room for only 11,000 people but more than twice that number were milling outside the gates before play started. Many found their way in through various unauthorized routes and crowded right up to the boundary line. Five people were admitted to hospital when part of a temporary stand *collapsed and police* clashed briefly with people trying to break through the main gate.

Kallicharran was fortunate to win the toss on a wicket that already shows signs of breaking up. The foundation for the West Indian innings came from Bacchus and Kallicharran, who put on 92 *for the third wicket.*

The situation changed dramatically when, with the score on 181, the West Indians lost Kallicharran, *Shivnarine and Phillip* without adding a run. Kallicharran, who hit 11 fours in his 79 in 151 minutes at the crease was caught as he tried to flick a ball from Ghayri to leg and Dhiraj Parsana bowled the other two.

Derek Parry and Malcolm Marshall came to the rescue with a *stand of 119 for the ninth* wicket but both were out shortly before the close. The match is the touring team's last before the first Test in Bombay on December 1.

SCORES: West Indians 315 for 9 (Kallicharran 79, D. Parry 50, M. Marshall 50); S. Baroda 87 (—).

Boxing

World title chance for substitute

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov 26.—Eusebio Pedrosa, of Panama, takes on the light-hitting Enrique *Solis, of Puerto Rico, tomorrow* night in the second defence of his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title.

Pedrosa, who captured the crown by beating his compatriot, Cecilio Lastra, last April, knocked out Ernesto Herrera on June 15 in his first title defence. *Solis, the oldest of four boxing* brothers, is ranked seventh. He has a 27—4 record which includes several wins against heavier men. "I honestly believe I can beat *this guy. It's not important how,* but only that I win", Solis said.

Pedrosa originally was scheduled to meet top-ranked Sean O'Grady, of United States, in August but the bout was put off until October when O'Grady was unable to make the weight. O'Grady failed to make the weight *again in October and the bout* with Solis was arranged quickly.

Pedrosa, aged 23, is a polished boxer and moves well in the ring. He has won 14 of his 24 victories by knockout. He has lost three times.—Reuter.

IABA agree to super heavyweights

Madrid, Nov 26.—The International Amateur Boxing Association has agreed to the formation of a new super heavyweight division. The new category will be for boxers over 91 kilos (14st 5lb), with the existing heavyweight division being confined to boxers between 81 kilos (12st 9lb) and 91 kilos.

The association also elected a new president, Donald Hull of the United States, Mr Hull beat the *retiring president*, Nikiforov Denisov of the Soviet Union, by 57 votes to 18.—Agence France-Presse.

Cross-country

PARLIAMENT HILL: London championships: Men: 1. Thames Valley 37pts; 2. Highgate 53pts; 3. Martineau Athletic, 99pts. Women: 1. London Olympiadies, 11pts. 2. Barnet, 40pts; 3. Croydon, 44pts.

Real tennis

Danby forced to yield when Angus puts his foot down

By Our Real Tennis Correspondent

Howard Angus, the holder, was taken to five sets but two of his leading rivals, Christopher Ronaldson and Norwood Cripps, both professionals, won their matches in three in the open real tennis tournament, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at Queen's Club over the weekend. The last eight now consists of three amateurs—Angus, *Alan Lovell and Richard Cooper*—and five professionals.

Nicholas Danby, one of three brothers who play at Hayling Island, lost to Angus by 2—6, 6—1, 6—4, 1—6, 6—0, and at least he can claim to be one of the few who have gone the full distance with the world champion. Certainly, no amateur in this country, apart from Lovell, has done so for years. Danby thoroughly deserved the first set, was in the hunt in the third and only lay down when Angus, who *has a suspect* back, put his foot down hard in the fifth.

Ronaldson's win over Peter Dawes, the Hayling Island professional, by 6—3, 6—2, 6—4, produced the best quality play. But for Ronaldson's service, consistantly varied and at times fiendish *in the way he made the ball* fall into the corner or die off the ball wall, it would have been a close match indeed. Some of Dawes's play on the floor, his impeccable length and placement to the corners, was a joy to watch. *At times he made* Ronaldson, well-built, severe of stroke and a strong volleyer, look clumsy.

Perhaps one had yet to see the best of Ronaldson, who has been professional in Melbourne for the past few years. Being tall, unlike so many leading players, he did not always get down to his strokes, looked vulnerable to anything short and low and, towards the end of the third set, tended to overhit. Ronaldson now plays Lovell who won a battle with his patience over the eminently tenacious John Ward by 6—3, 6—4, 6—3, the match taking over two hours.

Lovell needed a lot of will power to do so as he lost a first-set lead of 3—0, was within a point of being down 4—1 in the second (a *net cord helped him beat a gallery* chase on that point) and was in a similar position in the third. But in the third, he managed to curb his impatience and Ward showed signs of frustration.

FIRST ROUND: H. R. Angus beat N. Danby, 2—6, 6—1, 6—1, 6—0; R. D. B. Cooper beat D. Barrell, 6—0, 6—3, 6—3; A. C. Lovell beat J. D. Ward, 6—3, 6—4, 5—7, 6—1; Ronaldson beat P. L. Dawes, 6—3, 6—2, 6—4; W. Sheldon beat M. L. Dean, 6—2, 6—3, 6—3; N. A. R. Cripps beat A. C. Wyndham, 6—1, 6—3, 6—1.

Diving

Snode equals American diver's top score

Britain's double Commonwealth Games diving gold medallist, Christopher Snode, established himself as a worthy challenger to the world's greatest three metre springboard diving champion, Phillip Boggs, of the United States, when he finished second to him in the Highgate international at Crystal Palace.

Boggs was the master throughout, winning with 597.45 points to add another gold medal to his three world championship triumphs and an Olympic gold. However, Snode—who returned from his graphic arts studies at Florida State University to compete with the world's finest divers in a match to mark the golden jubilee of London's Highgate Diving Club—held second place throughout the final six free dives to take second place with 555.6 points.

In the next three places were Gregory Garlich, of the United States (544.29 points), Canada's Commonwealth Games silver medallist Scot Cranham (536.73) and Mexico's Olympic finalist Carlos Giron (523.92). Kent Vosler, of the United States, the winner of the highboard gold medal on Friday night, was sixth

Snooker

Underdogs rock Spencer and Reardon

John Spencer, last year's world champion, was in dire trouble in his first round match in the United Kingdom professional championships, sponsored by Coral, at Preston yesterday. The third favourite was 2—6 behind at the halfway stage against Ray Andrewartha, a 100-1 outsider.

Andrewartha won the first three frames and although Spencer pulled back to 5—3, his opponent, who had a top break of 54, won three more in a row.

Ray Reardon, the current world champion, was also in difficulty against Willie Thorne who, like Andrewartha, took the first three frames. Reardon, a heavily-backed favourite, fought back to 3—3, but Thorne kept him at bay and *still held a two-frame lead* at the interval.

SCORES: R. Andrewartha (Australia) beat J. Spencer (England) 6—5 (Andrewartha [61], 99—56, 70—36, 53—56, 70—36, 56—53, 70—36, 56—53); W. Thorne beat R. Reardon (Wales) 6—4 (Thorne [first], 70—31, 61—59, 0—70, 65—57, 69—0, 70—0, 65—57, 69—0, 70—0).

Wilson caps his comeback with victory

Valletta, Nov 25.—Cliff Wilson of Wales became the [illegible] amateur snooker champion by beating Joe Johnson of England in six straight frames today to take the final 11—5.

The two players had [illegible] yesterday's 10 frames, but Johnson was off form [illegible] Wilson was able to [illegible] victory after returning to competition this year following a 10-year absence.

Johnson missed an easy red in the opening frame and gave Wilson the chance to build an insurmountable [illegible] second frame was the highlight of the six with Wilson clearing the last four balls after trailing by 13 points.

Johnson had chances to [illegible] Wilson in the next frame but wasted his opportunities and the Welshman was always in front in the final three frames.

FRAME SCORES: [illegible]

SPORT

Football

Scotland forced to lower their sights in Lisbon

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Jock Stein, the new Scotland manager, may make fewer alterations to his team for the European championship match against Portugal in Lisbon on Wednesday than his English counterpart, Ron Greenwood, will be forced to make against Czechoslovakia in a "friendly" game at Wembley on the same day, but his is the greater problem since the prime absentees are Souness, of Liverpool, and Gray, of Aston Villa. Although Mr Stein's predecessor thought otherwise, a Scottish side without these two gifted players begins markedly under strength.

There was just enough promise in Scotland's 3—2 victory over Norway last month for Mr Stein to feel that he had made some progress towards achieving the elusive quality of balance although using only three men in defence, with Frank Gray moving into midfield, was not a tactic likely to be risked too often.

This week the opposition will be more proficient. Mr Stein would dearly like to achieve victory in Lisbon where his Celtic team won the European Cup in 1967, but on this occasion Scotland should not be disheartened by a draw. The impatience loudly expressed after last month's narrow victory was entirely understandable after the affairs of Argentina but not realistic.

Mr Stein knew that he would have to choose a team this week without the forward aggression of Gray, but the loss of Souness only came about on Saturday through a groin injury suffered in Liverpool's 2—0 win over Middlesbrough at Anfield. Then, last night, he discovered that a knee injury to Graham, the Leeds United winger, had deprived him of another of the team he chose to play against Norway. In the same match, Kennedy hurt a knee and had to withdraw from the England senior party and McDermott was also injured, forcing him to abandon any ideas of playing in the "B" international game in Prague tomorrow.

Mr Greenwood's plans will not be unduly disrupted by Kennedy's absence as he has not chosen this wholehearted and often underestimated midfield player for more than a year. Of more immediate concern was the confirmation that Brooking would miss the game at Wembley because of his ankle injury. Fortunately, Currie's form suggests that he may at last fulfil his promise at international level. In Leeds United's 4—0 victory over Southampton on Saturday he scored an astonishing goal with a curled shot and was the undoubted general of the game. England still need a player who can direct the flow in midfield. The question that one will ask of Currie is whether he can do that job in times of difficulty.

Doubts over Barnes, the Manchester City winger, were smoothed over on Saturday when he was fit enough to play in the First Division's most surprising match. Ipswich Town, so erratic of late, suddenly found inspiration, and much of it was sparked by Beattie, who makes the world of difference to their confidence. Unhappily, Beattie's determination in a perfectly fair tackle, broke the leg of the City defender, Clements, who will not play again for at least 10 weeks. Beattie was also bruised in the collision, and has pulled out of the England B match, as has his club colleague, Mariner.

After their praiseworthy draw against AC Milan in the daunting San Siro stadium last week, Manchester City were surprised to find themselves facing defeat on Saturday, especially as they were supposed to be even stronger for the inclusion of Deyna, a Polish international. When events turned against them they lost their self-control and rushed into the game without planning. Deyna will find that this is a common fault of his new colleagues and may help them by standing back for a more detached view.

The top of the First Division remained unchanged. Liverpool won despite the fact that Neal, who is likely to be replaced by Anderson in the England team, missed his second penalty in three attempts; Everton beat Norwich City late in the day at Carrow Road, and West Bromwich Albion drew with Aston Villa. But the bottom of the table found a new tail-ender in Chelsea. A home defeat by Manchester United put them behind Birmingham City and Wolverhampton Wanderers. For Chelsea the belated arrival of winter was especially cold.

Bob Hazell, the Wolverhampton Wanderers black central defender, received a surprise call up yesterday for the England B trip to Czechoslovakia on Tuesday. Hazell earned his place with an impressive display in front of Ron Greenwood, the England manager, against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.



Deyna: must detach himself from the hurly burly

An illusionist deceived by a sleight of foot

By Clive White

New York Cosmos would have loved it. They would have relished the drama and the explosion of the shot that beat the world's greatest goalkeeper—particularly as it came from one of their own offspring. They would have recognized, too, the sham applause of the electronic scoreboard. "What a great goal from Steve Hunt", it flashed mockingly and vulgarly. Only the musical accompaniment was missing, as Hunt's goal gave Coventry a 1—1 draw with Arsenal at Highfield Road on Saturday.

It must have made Hunt, originally from the Midlands but whose career flowered in the United States, feel at home. Having achieved the American dream, Hunt now chases an English one: international recognition in his own country. Things have not gone quite according to plan since he arrived back this season, but he put all that behind him in the seventy-eighth minute.

Forced to move across the face of the Arsenal defence some 25 yards out, he suddenly swung his favoured left foot to send the ball buzzing away into the far corner of Jennings's net. Terry Neill, the Arsenal manager, said it was the sort of goal for which you crossed your fingers and hoped for the best. But I fancy Hunt has a few more like that in his boot.

The Coventry front line, however, lacked Arsenal's intuitive understanding. Their collective ability did not seem to justify their fine attacking principles, particularly with such a thin veil to defence. Yet they could point to a lofty sixth position in the first division on Saturday morning. A gentle programme so far in a sub-standard season is the only explanation.

Nevertheless they entertain and did improve considerably in the second half. Thompson, young, gifted and black, was giving Willie Young a turbulent time in the air. It seemed no matter where the ball was, Thompson's head would be first to it, as he expanded like a high jumper always for that extra fraction.

Hutchison, who has regained the outside left spot from Hunt, was at his old mercurial, magical best. But he had to withdraw even further into the wings in the presence of the supreme illusionist—Brady. Whether cutting the opposition in half with that fluent left foot—like an all-purpose knife—lazily gliding unnoticed between defenders with a dip and a dash, or producing a shot out of nothing, Brady is a man to be feared in any circle.

However, having guided Arsenal to a clear position of unsubstantiated superiority in the first half he and his colleagues were subjected to fierce interrogation by Hutchison, Hunt and Wallace in rapid succession at the start of the second. But refusing to break down they instead broke away and scored with utter simplicity after six minutes. Such is the logic of football. Stapleton had only to sidefoot Rix's cross slowly wide of Sealey.

Coventry, however, turned the light back into the face of Arsenal, perhaps in response to a monotonous cry of "dazzle them, dazzle them" and Hunt had what seemed a good goal disallowed for offside. Whether it was numbness from the continual battering or the sleet and rain but eventually Arsenal submitted, though it took a cosmic flash to stun them.

COVENTRY CITY: L. Sealey; R. Roberts, R. McDonald, A. Blair, K. Osgood, M. Coop, S. Hunt, I. Wallace, G. Thompson, B. Powell, T. Hutchison.

ARSENAL: P. Jennings; P. Rice, S. Nelson, D. Price (sub M. Heeley), D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady, A. Sunderland, F. Stapleton, S. Walford, G. Rix.

Referee: K. McNally (Mold, Clwyd).

Hockey

Pakistanis reject an invitation to festival

From Sydney Friskin
Lahore, Nov 25

Pakistan, the winners of the Champions Trophy tournament which ended here yesterday, are unable to accept the invitation to play in the two-day international festival at Lord's in March. New Zealand, too, decided some time ago that they just could not afford it and would concentrate on the 10-nations tournament at Perth (Australia) from April 20 to 29.

Brigadier Atif, the secretary of the Pakistan Hockey Federation, said here today that Pakistan's next objectives were the Asian Games in Bangkok next month and the Perth tournament. A heavy domestic programme, including the national championship, made it impossible, he said, to accept the invitation to Lord's.

Because of Pakistan's success in the Champions Trophy today is a public holiday for schools and colleges here. This tournament, which many thought had been put on too soon after the World Cup in Buenos Aires, came to sparkling life on the final day when Pakistan defeated Australia 2—1. It had fulfilled its purpose of giving the leading teams of the world an opportunity to benefit from each other's advancement in skill and technique.

The question now being asked is whether this new-born baby in the world of hockey will grow from protected infancy to flourishing manhood. It is the idea of Nur Khan, the president of the Pakistan Hockey Federation. Pakistan have already agreed to hold the next tournament at Karachi in 1980, probably with eight teams, and they hope that some other country will undertake to run it after that, provided th[ey] can offer the same facilities.

It is likely to be faced wi[th] the same problem of finding [a] suitable spot on the calendar wh[ich] does not conflict with oth[er] interests. Some of the sting, [for] instance, was lost here when W[est] Germany and the Netherlan[ds] pulled out and when hopes th[at] India would play finally vanish[ed] Spain had difficulty in raising [a] full side.

The situation was ideal for N[ew] Zealand, extremely short of mat[ch] practice; for Australia, anxi[ous] to solve some of their team pro[b]lems, and for Britain, desperat[ely] seeking an impressive playi[ng] record. It was also ideal [for] Pakistan who were on home s[oil] and were strongly fancied to w[in].

Britain's best achievement w[as] their victory over the Olymp[ic] champions, New Zealand, by 3— A bit of sporting history w[as] made here because it was the fi[rst] victory for Britain in four me[et]ings between the two countri[es]. A creditable 1—1 draw w[ith] Australia gave Britain three poi[nts] and a fourth point was salvag[ed] in an incredible 4—4 draw w[ith] Spain.

The overall effect was th[at] Britain finished third behi[nd] Pakistan and Australia. Ro[ger] Self, the team manager, [was] reasonably satisfied with [the] results. Fitness, he thought, [had] to be improved and a lot [of] tidying up had to be done with [the] short corners, before the te[am] goes to Perth. An Australian s[up]porter has to be credited with [the] quote of the week. "It did[n't] matter whether Australia won [the] trophy. All they came here to [do] was to beat the Pommies." As [it] happened they did not.

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 2, Reading 1; Dulwich 1, Tulse Hill 1; Hounslow 6, Blackheath 0; London University 2, Hawks 0; Maidenhead 0, Old Kingstonians 3; Mid-Surrey 2, Wimbledon 2; Purley 1, Teddington 5; Slough 6, Bromley 1; Southgate 2, Cheam 0; Spencer 2, Hampstead 0; St Albans 1, Richmond 1; Surbiton 2, Oxford University 0.

EAST LEAGUE—Premier Division: Beds Eagles 1, Ipswich 3; Brentwood 0, Bury St Edmunds 1; Broxbourne 1, Bluecharts 1; Chelmsford 5, Colchester 1; Ilford 1, Norfolk Wanderers 1; Norwich Grasshoppers 0, Bishop's Stortford 1; Westcliff 2, Cambridge City 1.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: South: Quarter-final round: Havant 1, Oxford University Occasionals 2; Spencer 0, Slough 2 (after extra time); Bromley 6, Chichester 1; Reading 0, Hounslow 3.

OTHER RESULTS: RAF 3, Guild[ford] 5.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Repton 6, Har[ro]worth GS 2.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPI[ON]SHIP: East: Essex 1, Huntingdonsh[ire] 0; Lincolnshire 0, Suffolk 3. Sou[th]: Hampshire 0, Buckinghamshire 0; H[...] 0, Hertfordshire II 3. Other resu[lts]: Barclay's Bank 3, Rye 0; Barnes [...], Bank of England 1; Barnet 3, Ash[...] 1; Eastcote 0, Ealing 4; Portsmo[uth] Poly 6, Penguins (Worthing) 0; S[...]bury 3, Royal Ascot 0; Thurrock [...], Bexleyheath 1; Wallingford 3, Atal[anta] 3.

Yesterday

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPI[ON]SHIP: Midlands: Nottinghamshire [...], Warwickshire 1. East: Kent 0, C[am]bridgeshire 0.

LONDON LEAGUE: Purley 2, C[am]bridge University 0.

Derby ooze enterprise despite handicaps

By Norman Fox

Tommy Docherty returned to Derby County on Saturday after a week's suspension and said that in future he would mind his own business, which was building football teams. Anyone who had been absent from the Baseball Ground for a year or two would notice that Mr Docherty had not left many stones unturned, but if a 2—1 victory over Queen's Park Rangers was a fair indication of progress, the effect was worth the discomfort.

Of the team chosen for this match, seven were signed by Mr Docherty, eight if the substitute was included. George, McFarland and Hill were absent, emphasizing the inexperience of the side, but the replacements were so full of spirit and enterprise that the disadvantages were overcome. Rangers, themselves without Bowles to fire their imagination, were fortunate that the result did not draw more attention to a lame performance.

Derby were offered so much midfield territory that in the first 10 minutes they were able to send Buckley and Langan forward. Indeed, some of the afternoon's most threatening shots came from Buckley who has become one of the best of the modern breed of positive defenders. Occasionally, he found himself committed upfield when attacks broke down, which is an occupational hazard, but with Rangers so weak in attack the danger was not exposed until two minutes from the end when Howe headed in a goal that failed to change the impression of an unusually one-sided game.

All of the newer Derby players caught the eye at some stage, but it was that loyal servant, Daniel, who solidly ensured that nothing went wrong in the middle of the defence where Sims, signed from Leicester City at the weekend, will soon become the replacement for McFarland, who has had such wretched misfortune with injuries. One looks forward to seeing Moreland benefit from being supported by Sims for he is a most promising youngster, and so is his former Glentoran colleague, Caskey.

Only the fine goalkeeping of Parkes stopped Derby from scoring the number of goals that their spry football justified. At times it seemed that Derby players, especially Duncan, were aiming at him, but his sense of positioning won their praise. He was beaten by Daniel's header after 23 minutes and Caskey's easily shot goal in the fifty-eighth after a bounding run by Langan.

DERBY COUNTY: J. Middleton; D. Langan, S. Buckley, G. Daly, P. Daniel, V. Moreland, S. Carter, S. Powell, J. Duncan, W. Caskey, J. Clark.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P. Parkes; D. Clement, I. Gillard, J. Hollins, E. Howe, D. Shanks, P. Eastoe, G. Francis, M. Busby, B. Wallace (sub, P. McGee), T. Cunningham.

Referee: P. Partridge (Aukland).

King can extend his rule to England

By Stuart Jones

The bribe was offered openly. "Bring that Ryan off, Mr Bond, and I'll give you £20." An hour had gone and an irate spectator thought it time to give John Bond, Norwich City's manager, some advice. Although it was ignored and Everton went on to win 1—0, the outburst was notable.

Though clearly incensed, the speaker, by using the formal address, showed the respect that Mr Bond has earned not only in the country but also in his own pocket of East Anglia. He is respected not only on the terraces either. The board recently offered him a contract, which was accepted, and means that he will stay in his position until 1987.

Mr Bond has lifted Norwich on to a safe shelf in the middle of the first division with the support of some old hands. Yet he has also brought in some young blood to strengthen the future. On show here were Symonds, a promising full back, and Mendham, a lightweight, ginger-haired striker.

With Chivers still absent, the problem rests up front. The pace is there, the weight is not and, too often, attacks floated away like the flotsam in the nearby River Yare. Significantly, Norwich's midfield has contributed 18 of their 28 goals. There lies the power and now includes the manager's son, successfully converted from full back.

But here in the cramped space, they were held in Everton's clenched fist. Ryan, particularly, as Mr Bond's "adviser" spotted, had an uncomfortable afternoon and Peters lacked his customary authority. The aging prince of midfield, he was eclipsed by the rising star, King. Indeed, an international shirt would fit him.

King opened by shooting into the side-netting and closed by creating the chance for Lyons, promoted to striker in place of Walsh, to clip the ball over Keelan. As befits his name, King made Carrow Road his domain with twinkling control here, sparkling dribbles there and ghosting runs that were once associated with Peters himself.

Another to advance his international claims was Wood, of Scotland. As darkness fell, Norwich picked themselves up and Reeves, Bond and Mendham were all denied by Wood. It was the woodwork, however, that later denied Latchford and Lyons. Latchford also had a laboured effort kicked off the line by Bond, using his full back experience.

Keelan, though, was not to be left out in the cold. With the spring of a gymnast, he tipped away drives from Ross and King. Nevertheless, he was finally beaten as time was running out. The same happened to him the previous Saturday — on Bruce Forsyth's Big Night Out on television.

NORWICH CITY: K. Keelan; K. Bond, I. Davies (sub, K. Robson), J. Ryan, P. Hoadley, A. Powell, S. Neighbour, K. Reeves, R. Symonds, P. Mendham, M. Peters.

EVERTON: G. Wood; C. Todd, M. Pejic, M. Lyons, W. Wright, T. Ross, A. King, M. Dobson, R. Latchford, R. Kenyon, D. Thomas.

Referee: B. S. Lewis (Great Bookham).

Dredger is wanted at the Bridge

By Geoffrey Green

Chelsea, beaten 1—0 by Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on the first wintry Saturday of the year—their sixth home defeat of the season in eight fixtures—have now sunk like a stone to the very floor of the first division ocean. It will need some powerful dredging equipment to raise them in the coming months.

It is all very sad. Even the taxi drivers down the Fulham Road are wearing the flags on their meters at half mast. Once upon a time the jokes of music hall comedians about the old pensioners were funny but unhurtful. Now they are laced with a cruel cynicism by the widths of the terraces. It is a hard life.

Significant too was the fact that the Stamford Bridge terraces were no more than half filled and this for the visit of Manchester United. Something has gone very sour in the game. It can be explained by the fact that United preferred not to take up their allocation of an all-ticket match, leaving Chelsea, as it were, holding the baby of lost revenue they can scarcely afford. This is the price to be paid these days for the ill behaviour of some of the supporters of these two clubs whose away matches are now compulsorily all-ticket.

Some of the aura has departed from United themselves, which is understandable since there are no Bobby Charltons, Bests or Laws around these days. Still, Old Trafford continues to search for a touch of magic, their latest acquisition being Thomas, the Welsh international from Wrexham. This was his opening bow in a Manchester shirt and he made his mark as a left-sided player, floating between midfield and attack like Coppell on the other flank in a fluid 4-4-2 formation.

Thomas in fact made the winning goal 20 minutes from the end when he cleverly screwed back Jordan's pass from the byline for Jimmy Greenhoff's sharp header to find the bullseye. United had needed someone inventive and positive down their left side since the departure of the unpredictable Hill and Thomas would seem to fill the bill as he quickly slotted into the moves created by the nimble little Macari and McIlroy.

Manchester also appear to have unearthed at no cost on their doorstep a well built young goalkeeper Bailey, aged 20, whose father kept goal in the Ipswich Town champion side of 1962. Possessing a clean pair of hands to crosses and a confident command of his area, he may well have saved the club the sum of £400,000 they were recently prepared to lay out for someone else.

Meanwhile Chelsea struggle on, carrying with them the sympathy of many but with only two points from their last six matches. In many of them they have lost by only a single goal after first taking the lead. This is one of the present weaknesses: they tend to fall apart when caught.

Lack of experience and confidence is at the root of their trouble. They run endlessly but blindly like a hare caught in the bright headlights of a car. Nor is Ray Wilkins, their England midfield captain, on whom they lean heavily, providing the direction they need. He must find his form soon if they are to recover.

As it was United were now largely in control from first to last and should have won far more handsomely. But they too lack a vital something—the knack of finishing at which they were once so deadly.

CHELSEA: R. Iles; G. Wilkins, D. Stride, G. Stanley, S. Wicks, R. Harris, D. McKenzie, R. Wilkins, T. Langley, R. Lewington, C. Walker.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G. Bailey; B. Greenhoff, S. Houston, S. McIlroy, G. McQueen, M. Buchan, S. Coppell, J. Greenhoff, J. Jordan, L. Macari, M. Thomas.

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville).



Beginning with a happy ending: Thomas, Manchester United's new signing, celebrates after their winning goal.

Worcester and Droylesden cause upsets

Plymouth Argyle had the hardest fall in the first round of the FA Cup on Saturday. They lost 2—0 at Southern League Worcester, who have the former Aston Villa footballer and Worcestershire cricketer Jimmy Cumbes in goal. Malcolm Phelps and Jimmy Williams scored the goals which disposed of Malcolm Allison's side.

Rochdale were shown no respect by a Cheshire League side, Droylesden, with David Taylor's goal putting the non-league side into the second round. Jimmy Greaves now, in the Southern League with Barnet, was sent off in the 24th minute of their tie with Woking, of the Isthmian League.

Greaves was dismissed after being ordered to retake a free kick, having found the net the first time. His second shot hit the post and he voiced his frustration. Barnet, 2—0 down at one stage, recovered and earned a replay with a late penalty for 3—3.

Bremner's new post

The former Leeds United and Scotland player, Billy Bremner, is to become the new manager of the fourth division club, Doncaster Rovers. Bremner will take up the post on Monday in succession to Stan Anderson, who resigned to become the assistant manager at Bolton.

Squash rackets

Briars shows aggression and maturity in victory

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Two British amateurs beat professionals in the preliminary round of the sixth squash rackets tournament in the £70,000 world series at Wembley yesterday. Ian Robinson defeated a compatriot, John Easter, by 9—1, 10—9, 9—7 and Gawain Briars beat Rehmat Khan, 9—1, 9—4, 9—7.

Pakistan International Airlines have put up the prize money of £10,000 a tournament for a series spanning seven countries. The Wilkinson Sword company are paying the other promotional costs of the Wembley leg. The only remaining event, for the eight most successful players in the series, will be the masters tournament at Karachi from December 13 to 18.

Briars, aged 20, ranks third among British amateurs, holds the Australian championship and is maturing in a promising way. He is a bony, long-limbed chap and it is difficult to put the ball out of his reach. He also has some winning shots—notably a backhand into the cross-court nick—and goes for them boldly.

Yesterday Briars played a crisp, aggressive, yet mostly tidy, match, maintaining his form at the high level that was necessary. By contrast, Rehmat never "fired". He was not given much of a chance. But in the third game he saved three match points, at 1—8, 2—8 and 7—8, before Briars left him stranded with a backhand angle.

The implications of Robinson's admirably clear-cut win were less exciting because at 26 his competitive horizons must be limited than those of Briars. Moreover, Easter was vulnerable. He has had two operations on his right knee and has to swim—because he d[oes] not run—in order to keep [his] giant frame in trim. His agility [is] not what it was and at 32 he [has] taken a coaching job and resig[ned] himself to a restricted comp[eti]tive future.

Jonathan Leslie, aged 27, thr[eat]ened to join Briars and Robin[son] in their assault on professi[onal] dignity. Making effective use [of] the volleyed drop, he pla[yed] beautifully to come from beh[ind] in his first two games wit[h a] former amateur rival, Maqs[ood] Ahmed. Leslie thus proved a p[oint] in terms of skill. But Maqs[ood] lasted the course more sou[ndly] and won the best match of the [day] 9—9, 8—10, 9—5, 9—2, 9—[...].

Easter and Bryan Patte[rson] who is the same age and simi[larly] situated (except that he has sound knees), have been Brit[ain's] most prominent professio[nals] apart from Jonah Barrington, [who] is now 37 and recently resu[med] competition after having [an] elbow operation in July.

The professional recession is confined to Britain. The w[orld] champion, Geoffrey Hunt of [Aus]tralia is 31, and has been bea[ten] in the three tournaments he contested in this series (on [two] occasions he was inhibited b[y a] damaged shoulder mus[cle]). Although Bruce Brownlee of N[ew] Zealand is snapping at their he[els] it looks as though the Pakist[anis] in general and Qamar Zaman [in] particular are taking over. Za[man] has won all five tournament[s so] far, collecting £11,000 in p[rize] money.

Other results: Torsam Khan beat P. S. Ke[...] 9—2, 9—3, 9—7; B. Patterson [beat] Mohamed Asran scr; Mohamed [...] beat A. P. Dwyer 9—7, 9—3, 9[...]; R. Shawcross beat P. G. Verow 9—[...], 9—7, 9—4; J. P. Barrington [beat] J. R. Le Lievre 9—5, 9—6, 9—7.

Yachting

Chances fade in fickle win[ds]

Pattaya, Thailand, Nov 26.—Laurie Smith, of Britain, today pulled off a magnificent start-to-finish victory in the opening race of the 1978 world Fireball yachting championships.

Smith, a 22-year-old sail-maker from Bury, got off to a lively start beating into light six-knot winds, then ran away from his challengers on the following reach. Another Briton, Kim Slater, winner of last week's regatta here, finis[hed] second. Third was Australia's G[or]don Lucas.

The winds proved fickle [once] again at this seaside resort, [...] kilometres south-east of Bang[kok] with 180 degree wind-shirt pla[ying] havoc with most of the boats [all the] way during the race. Many hel[ms]men blew their chances as t[he] boats slowed down to a near-[halt] but the fleet leader, Smith, [was] not troubled.—Reuter.

Table tennis

China leave the opposition just two titles

Norrkoeping, Nov 26.—China won five of the seven titles being contested at the Scandinavian open table tennis championships which ended here today. The titles they missed out on were the men's team event and the men's doubles.

Surprisingly, the Chinese did not even reach the final of the team event. They were beaten in the semi-final round by Hungary, who went on to beat Sweden in the final.

The men's doubles title went to Milan Orlowski, of Czechoslovakia, and Gabor Gergely, of Hungary. After their Chinese opponents, Li Chen-Shih and Huang Liang, had easily won the first game and taken an 11—1 lead in the second Orlowski and Gergely stormed back to win 9—21, 21—18, 21—6, 21—14.

Unseeded Tung Ling continued her remarkable form by toppling her compatriot Ke Shin-Ai, the number one seed, 21—15, 21—11, 21—15 in the women's singles final. Tung Ling, aged 16, went through the tournament without dropping a game.

Tung Ling had earlier won the mixed doubles title with Huang Liang. They beat another Chinese pair, Chen-Shih and Li Ming, 21—14, 21—17, 21—16. The men's singles title went to Chen-Shih, who is ranked sixth in China.

MIXED DOUBLES: Semi-final round: Li Chen-Shih and Li Ming (China) beat G. Gergely and J. Magos (Hungary), 16—21, 21—6, 25—21, 16—21, 21—13. Huang Liang and Tung Ling (China) beat D. Douglas and L. Howard (GB), 21—17, 21—10, 21—17.—Reuter.

Judo

Yamashita wins second gold medal

Tokyo, Nov 26.—The Japa[nese] national judo champion, Yasu[hiro] Yamashita, today won his se[cond] gold medal in the first Ja[pan] Kano Cup international champ[ion]ship when he defeated Fra[nce's] 1975 93-kilo division world ch[am]pion, Jean-Luc Rouge, on a s[plit] superiority decision in the [open] tournament final. Yamashita [had] won the heavyweight gold m[edal] on the first day on Thursda[y].

In the under 60-kilo categ[ory] the national champion for [the] division, Katsumi Suzuki of Ja[pan] defeated his compatriot, Yoshi[...] Moriwaki, to win the gold m[edal]. With today's two gold me[dals] Japan obtained seven gold me[dals] out of eight at this champion[ship] which came to a close to[day]. Lorez Dietmar of East Germ[any] took the gold in the under-95 division on the first day.

The French heavyweight, Ro[uge] defeated Ibraheem Ashoor, [of] Kuwait, in the second round [and] American Shawn Gibbos in [the] third round, Japan's Tsu[...] Yoshioka in the quarter-round and Boris Beridze, [a] Russian, in the semi-final ro[und]. Rouge won the silver medal [for his] second medal in the champ[ion]ship. He won the heavywe[ight] bronze medal on the third [day] after his defeat against Yama[shita] in the semi-finals. The und[er 60] kilo best four judoists were Japanese.

OTHER RESULTS: 60 kilos. [...] round: M. Scott (NZ) beat J. Hol[...] (GB), pts. Open class, first r[ound]: A. Mano (GB) beat Li Chung [...] (Hongkong), 2min 11sec. Se[cond] round: R. Koestenberger (Austria) [beat] Mapp (GB), 3min 35sec; T. Yosi[...] (Japan) won by default over B. [...] (GB).—Agence France-Presse [...] Reuter.

Cunningham's class shines like a beacon in the gloom

By Tom Freeman

West Bromwich Albion, fresh from their highly-praised draw in Valencia a few days earlier, found the bread and butter of the first division on Saturday rather harder to digest than the exotic Uefa Cup fare. In fact they were hard pushed to manage a 1—1 draw against their old and less fancied rivals, Aston Villa.

It is difficult to imagine Valencia's stadium ever looking like The Hawthorns did on Saturday. Apart from being cold enough to freeze the throstle off its perch it was as black as night for most of the afternoon and from time to time a fierce snow storm blew into the faces of the players, turning the pitch into a soggy, slippery mess that defied the skill and agility of all as well as making it a misery for the spectators. In the circumstances the teams did well, fiercely contesting every ball in the old tradition of the local derby.

For Albion, who still have designs on the first division title as well as the Uefa Cup, the result was a disappointment. It is true that Cunningham, the hero of Valencia, once more showed what a mature and exciting player he has become, treating the opposition and the playing conditions with disdain that is the hallmark of the great player. However, Albion produced little else to get excited about.

They went in front unexpectedly just before half time when Batson, overlapping into the penalty area, was brought down by Craig and Tony Brown converted, but Villa were justly rewarded in the second half when Evans headed in the equaliser from a corner. Villa, for most of the time, were sharper and more penetrative.

There was one extraordinary let-off for Albion before the penalty, when Deehan, presented with an open goal as Robertson faltered, shot against Godden, and when he hit the rebound the goalkeeper managed to deflect the ball away. Villa had the most industrious player on the field in their captain, Mortimer, who, as well as covering more ground than anybody else, was the most productive.

The absence of Villa's two main strikers, Little and Gray, was not as debilitating as might have been expected. One reason for this was the promising form of young Shaw, aged 17, who was brought in on the strength of his scoring feats in the reserve side. It confirmed the feeling that Villa are better endowed with young players than most.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: A. Godden; B. Batson, D. Statham, A. Brown, J. Wile, A. Robertson, B. Robson, Alistair Brown, C. Regis, L. Cantello, L. Cunningham.

ASTON VILLA: J. Rimmer; J. Gidman, G. Williams, A. Evans, K. McNaught, D. Mortimer, T. Craig, A. Shaw, J. Deehan, G. Cowans, J. Gregory.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley).

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: South: Chelmsford v Canterbury, Salisbury v Taunton.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford v Harlow Town; Finchley v Clapton.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army v Essex FA (at Military Stadium, Aldershot).

OTHER MATCH: Ian Hutchinson testimonial: Chelsea v Queen's Park Rangers (7.45).

RUGBY UNION: Cross Keys v Maesteg (7.0).

Weekend results and tables

First division

Birmingham	1	Bristol City	1
Bolton	0	Nottm Forest	1
Chelsea	0	Manchester Utd	1
Coventry	1	Arsenal	1
Derby	2	QP Rangers	1
Leeds	4	Southampton	0
Liverpool	2	Middlesbrough	0
Manchester City	1	Ipswich	2
Norwich	0	Everton	1
Tottenham H	1	Wolverhampton	0
West Brom A	1	Aston Villa	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	17	13	3	1	42	7	29
Everton	17	10	7	0	24	10	27
West Bromwich	16	9	5	2	31	14	23
Nottm Forest	16	7	9	0	19	9	23
Arsenal	17	7	6	4	27	17	20
Coventry	17	7	6	4	24	23	20
Manchester Utd	17	7	6	4	25	27	20
Tottenham	17	7	6	4	21	26	20
Aston Villa	17	6	6	5	22	16	18
Leeds United	17	6	5	6	30	22	17
Derby County	17	7	3	7	24	33	17
Manchester C	16	5	6	5	24	20	16
Bristol City	17	6	4	7	20	21	16
Norwich City	16	4	7	5	28	28	15
Ipswich Town	17	6	2	9	18	24	14
Middlesbrough	17	5	3	9	21	21	13
Southampton	17	3	7	7	18	27	13
Q P Rangers	16	3	6	7	12	19	12
Bolton Wdrs	17	3	4	10	19	35	10
Wolverhampton	17	4	1	12	13	32	9
Birmingham	17	2	4	11	17	29	8
Chelsea	17	2	4	11	19	35	8

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1, Margate 1; Dorchester 0, Redditch 2; Hastings 0, Bridgend 0, Telford 3; Cheltenham 0, Witney Town 1, Kettering 1. First division North: Alvechurch 1, Banbury 1; Burton Albion 2, Wellingborough 0; Bromsgrove 1, Cambridge City 1; Corby 0, Enderby 1; Gloucester 4, Oswestry 3; Grantham 3, Bedworth 2; Kidderminster 3, Milton Keynes 1; Stourbridge 1, King's Lynn 3; Tamworth 0, Barry 1. South: Andover 0, Dunstable 2; Basingstoke 0, Ashford 1; Bognor Regis 2, Dover 1; Crawley 0, Aylesbury 0; Folkestone and Shepway 2, Addlestone 4; Hounslow 4, Waterlooville 2; Salisbury 1, Chelmsford 1; Taunton 0, Tonbridge 3; Trowbridge 2, Poole 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 3, Matlock 3; Frickley 0, Mossley 2; Goole 3, Barrow 1; Lancaster 5, Macclesfield 3; Northwich Victoria 3, Gateshead 1; South Liverpool 2, Netherfield 1.

Second division

Blackburn	2	Stoke	2
Bristol Rovers	2	Sheffield Utd	1
Cambridge Utd	2	Burnley	2
Cardiff	2	C Palace	2
Charlton	0	Fulham	0
Leicester	1	West Ham Utd	2
Luton	0	Sunderland	3
Newcastle	1	Oldham	1
Notts County	1	Brighton	0
Orient	2	Preston	0
Wrexham	3	Millwall	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	17	8	7	2	29	15	23
Stoke City	17	9	5	3	25	17	23
West Ham Utd	17	9	3	5	30	17	21
Fulham	17	8	4	5	23	18	20
Burnley	17	7	6	4	29	26	20
Sunderland	17	8	4	5	24	22	20
NottsCounty	17	8	4	5	24	29	20
Wrexham	17	6	7	4	20	13	19
Bristol Rovers	16	8	3	5	29	25	19
Newcastle Utd	17	7	5	5	16	17	19
Charlton Ath	17	6	6	5	29	22	18
Brighton	17	8	2	7	27	22	18
Luton Town	17	7	3	7	33	21	17
Cambridge U	17	4	8	5	17	16	16
Oldham Athletic	17	6	4	7	22	28	16
Orient	17	6	3	8	20	21	15
Leicester City	17	4	7	6	15	17	15
Sheffield Utd	17	4	4	9	21	26	12
Preston	17	4	4	9	24	34	12
Blackburn	17	3	5	9	19	32	11
Cardiff City	16	4	3	9	21	37	11
Millwall	17	2	3	12	12	33	7

NORTHERN LEAGUE: South Bank 1, North Shields 1; Whitby 1, Crook Town 1; Ferryhill 2, Billingham 6; Horden 1, Spennymoor 0; Durham City 2, Whitley Bay 0; Consett 6, Evenwood 1; West Auckland 1, Ashington 0; Bishop Auckland 3, Tow Law Town 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Boreham Wood 2, Oxford City 4; Carshalton 1, Croydon 0; Dulwich Hamlet 1, Tooting 2; Hayes 1, Sutton 1; Kingstonian 1, Hendon 1; Tilbury 3, Leytonstone 2; Walthamstow Avenue 1, Slough 0. First division: Bishop's Stortford 1, Bromley 1; Chesham 0, Walton and Hersham 3; Finchley 1, Horsham 3; Harrow Borough 3, Epsom 1; Harlow 3, Wembley 1; Harwich 3, Aveley 0; Hertford 2, Hampton 1; Ilford 0, Metropolitan Police 2; Maidenhead 1, St Albans 0; Southall 0, Clapton 3; Ware 2, Wokingham 3. Second division: Corinthian Casuals 1, Hornchurch 3; Hemel Hempstead 1, Lewes 0.

FA Cup, first round

Aldershot	1	Weymouth	1
(Replay, Wednesday, Nov 29)			
Altrincham	4	Southport	3
Barnet	3	Woking	3
(Replay tomorrow)			
Barnsley	5	Worksop	1
Blackpool	2	Lincoln	1
Bournemouth	2	Hitchin Town	1
Bradford	1	Port Vale	0
Carlisle	1	Halifax	0
Chester	1	Runcorn	1
(Replay tomorrow)			
Chorley	0	Scarborough	1
Colchester	4	Oxford Utd	2
Darlington	1	Chesterfield	1
(Replay Wednesday, Dec 6)			
Dartford	1	AP Leamington	2
Doncaster	2	Huddersfield	1
Exeter	1	Brentford	0
Gravesend	0	Wimbledon	0
(Replay tomorrow)			
Hartlepool	1	Grimsby	0
Hereford	0	Newport	1
Hull City	2	Stafford R	1
Leatherhead	2	Merthyr Tydfil	1
Maidstone	1	Wycombe Wdrs	0
Mansfield	0	Shrewsbury	2
Nuneaton	0	Crewe	2
Portsmouth	2	Northampton	0
Reading	0	Gillingham	0
(Replay tomorrow)			
Rochdale	0	Droylsden	1
Rotherham	3	Workington	0
Scunthorpe	1	Sheffield Wed	1
(Replay tomorrow)			
Southend	3	Peterborough	2
Stockport	5	Morecambe	1
Swansea	4	Hillingdon	1
Swindon	2	March Town	0
Tranmere	2	Boston United	1
Walsall	0	Torquay	2
Watford	3	Dagenham	0
Wealdstone	0	Enfield	5
Wigan	2	Bury	2
Worcester	2	Plymouth	0
Yeovil	0	Barking	1
York City	1	Blyth Spartans	1
(Replay tomorrow)			

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 2, Corinthian Casuals 3; Ardingly 5, Westminster 0; Brentwood 2, Kimbolton 1; Hampton 6, John Lyon 2; Kingsbury HS 1, Willesden HS 2; Lancing 1, Lancing OB 1; St Edmund's, Canterbury 1, Corinthian Casuals 3; Sutton Manor HS 3, Burlington Danes 1.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	4	Hibernian	1
Celtic	1	Partick Thistle	0
Dundee Utd	1	St Mirren	1
Hearts	3	Motherwell	2
Rangers	3	Morton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	15	6	6	3	19	14	18
Aberdeen	15	6	5	4	28	16	17
Celtic	15	7	3	5	25	19	17
Partick Thistle	15	7	3	5	16	14	17
Rangers	15	4	8	3	16	13	16
St Mirren	15	6	3	6	15	15	15
Morton	15	5	5	5	19	22	15
Hibernian	15	4	6	5	16	19	14
Hearts	15	5	4	6	19	25	14
Motherwell	15	3	1	11	14	31	7

FA VASE: Second round: Abingdon Town 1, Newbury 3; Almondsbury Greenway 5, Forest Green Rovers 0; Amersham Town 0, Farnborough Town 1; Arlesey Town 3, Kempstown Rovers 1; Baldock Town 0, Cheshunt 5; Barton Rovers 3, Wootton Blue Cross 1; Berkhamsted Town 2, Burnham 3 (after extra time); Billericay Town 2, Rainham Town 1 (after extra time); British Aerospace 1, Uxbridge 2; Buckingham Town 1, Bicester Town 3; Clanfield 2, Worrall Hill 1; Eastbourne Town 1, Tunbridge Wells 2; Eastbourne United 3, Faversham Town 1; East Ham United 2, Basildon United 0; Egham Town 1, Leyton-Wingate 4; Feltham 2, Epping Town 3; Felixstowe Town 2, Coggeshall Town 1; Grays Athletic 1, Swanley Town 0; Hoddesdon Town 0, Royston Town 1 (after extra time); Hungerford Town 3, Alton Town 4; Kew Association 3, Haringey Borough 5; Merstham 1, Alma Swanley 2; Molesey 3, Malden Vale 2; Redhill 0, West Wickham 2; St Neots 4, Letchworth Gdn City 3; Selby 0, Camberley Town 2; Tring Town 2, Ruislip Manor 0; Windsor and Eton 4, Banstead Athletic 1; Worthing 4, Ash United 3.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Ardinians 1, Old Chigwellians 3, Old Foresters 5, Old Harrovians 0.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Preliminary round replay: Old Wykehamists 1, Old Cholmeleians 3.

OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University 1, Loughborough Colleges 2.

Scottish first division

Airdrie	0	St Johnstone	1
Arbroath	1	Stirling Albion	0
Ayr	2	Clyde	0
Clydebank	2	Dundee	1
Hamilton	5	Dumbarton	0
Montrose	0	Kilmarnock	4
Queen of South	2	Raith Rovers	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee	18	10	5	3	27	11	25
Clydebank	18	11	2	5	39	29	24
Ayr United	18	10	3	5	32	23	23
Kilmarnock	18	7	7	4	33	18	21
Dumbarton	18	7	7	4	28	19	21
Clyde	18	9	3	6	35	28	21
Hamilton	18	8	4	6	28	27	20
Airdrieonians	18	6	4	8	30	29	16
Raith Rovers	18	6	4	8	27	37	16
Stirling Albion	18	6	4	8	20	30	16
Montrose	18	4	6	8	33	39	14
Queen of Sth	18	5	3	10	19	38	13
St Johnstone	18	2	8	8	16	28	12
Arbroath	18	3	4	11	17	36	10

Scottish second division

Alloa	2	Albion Rovers	6
Berwick	2	Brechin	0
Cowdenbeath	1	East Fife	1
E Stirlingshire	4	Meadowbank	1
Falkirk	4	Dunfermline	1
Queen's Park	0	Stenhousemuir	0
Stranraer	0	Forfar	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk	18	12	3	3	37	11	27
Dunfermline	18	9	7	2	37	23	25
Berwick Rgrs	17	10	4	3	40	22	24
Cowdenbeath	18	7	5	6	25	39	19
Stranraer	18	9	1	8	22	26	19
Forfar Athletic	18	6	6	6	25	25	18
East Fife	18	6	5	7	26	28	17
Alloa Athletic	18	6	5	7	27	33	17
Queens Park	18	6	4	8	26	21	16
East Stirling	17	5	5	7	28	35	15
Meadowbank	18	5	5	8	20	35	15
Brechin City	17	3	7	7	25	33	13
Albion Rovers	17	5	2	10	26	31	12
Stenhousemuir	18	4	3	11	16	30	11

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chertsey 2, Marlow 3; Dorking 1, Edgware 7; Fleet 2, Harefield 5; Welling 4, Chalfont St Peter 2.

European leagues

DUTCH: FC Den Haag 0, Ajax Amsterdam 0; Sparta Rotterdam 2, AZ '67 Alkmaar 3; Nec Nijmegen 0, Haarlem 1; Mvv Maastricht 2, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1; Utrecht 2, PSV Eindhoven 2; Pec Zwolle 3, VVV Venlo 2; Nac Breda 0, Vitesse 0; Twente Enschede 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; Volendam 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 2.

ITALIAN: Avellino 1, Fiorentina 1; Bologna 1, Catanzaro 1; Inter 3, Atalanta 2; Juventus 1, Ascoli 0; Lazio 1, Verona 0; L. Vicenza 1, Roma 0; Napoli 1, Milan 1; Perugia 0, Torino 0.

HUNGARIAN: Dunaujvarosi Kohasz 2, Szombathely 4; Pecs 2, Ujpest Dozsa 3; Csepel 2, Vasas 1; Szekesfehervar Mav Elore 0, Zalaegerszeg 0; Diosgyor 1, Ferencvaros 0; Budapest Honved 3, Salgotarjan 1; Tatabanya 1, Bekescsaba 0; MTK VM 2, Szekesfehervar Videoton 1; Gyor Raba Eto 1, Basas Izzo 1.

WEST GERMAN: VFL Bochum 2, FC Cologne 5; Schalke 04 5, Borussia Dortmund 1; MSV Duisburg 1, Eintracht Braunschweig 0; Werder Bremen 3, SV Darmstadt 98 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 5, FC Kaiserlautern 1; Bayern Munich 4, Nuernberg 0; Arminia Bielefeld 2, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Hamburg SV 0; Hertha BSC Berlin 0, VFB Stuttgart 0.

SPANISH: Rayo Vallecano 1, Sevilla 0; Real Sociedad 3, Santander 0; Zaragoza 3, Valencia 0; Espanol 2, Salamanca 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Real Madrid 2; Celta 1, Las Palmas 2; Huelva 3, Athletic Bilbao 2; Hercules 1, Burgos 0.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Inter Bratislava 1, Teplice 3; Dukla Praha 3, Kosice 0; Tatran Presov 1, Trencin 1; Lokomotiva 6, Slavia Praha 0; Brno 4, Bohemians 0; Spartak Trnava 1, Slovan Bratislava 0; Sparta Praha 3, Ostrava 1; Plzen 1, Banska Bystrica 0.

BELGIAN: Antwerp 1, Anderlecht 0; Waterschei 5, Beerschot 0; La Louviere 1, Lokeren 5; RWD Molenbeek 2, Lierse 1; FC Bruges 2, Winterslag 2; Waregem 1, FC Liegeois 1; Standard Liège 0, Beringen 0; Berchem 1, Courtrai 0; Beveren 2, Charleroi 1.

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indeed, have been luck in the first of it looked as though ected the ball for- he scored. The onus for the prop, o collected a two-handed knock down from Scott. It was at this lineout that Cowling broke a hand, an injury which may put him out of the game for a couple of months.

No one could argue about the merits of New Zealand's lead, 10—6, at the halfway mark. They had enjoyed, as they were to continue to do, a clear initiative down the biting, northerly wind. But McKechnie had fluffed the first conversion and two early penalties (and was later to miss another). Osborne in the centre had spurned a gilt-edged 3—1 overlap on the left and then another on the right when, admittedly, *his nice* diagonal all but led to a try for Wilson—as it had done against Wales—and set up the line out from which New Zealand got their first try.

England twice had taken the lead, first with a splendid dropped goal by Hare, from a tap 40 metres out and then with his penalty, coolly chipped to its target after Rutledge had offended at a ruck. They at least remained in contention as they turned round with the elements at their backs, but McKechnie, who had converted the Johnstone try with a lovely kick from the right hand touch line, soon stretched New Zealand's advantage with a penalty goal that went over off a post.

That was for another ruck offence and by then the writing was writ plain indeed. On song at last, McKechnie kicked his second penalty for handling at a scrummage, with about 10 minutes to run and the nearest England got to scoring again was when a long penalty shot by Hare rebounded off the crossbar.

New Zealand have now played over 10 hours of rugby without a try being scored against them and it was clear from an early stage that England, condemned to make do on scraps of good possession, were unlikely to lift the tempo of their game and find a way through a typically fierce and superbly organized defence. Beaumont and Rafter, the last named with some magnificent tackling and grafting, gave their all and Uttley cleaned up skilfully at a retreating scrummage and tackled well, without looking quite the force he was.

Young did a shrewd job in harrowing circumstances, but Horton, after a promising start, did not always kick well or wisely and at least once missed an overlap by coming inside too often as is his wont. The centres were always cramped for room, but the distribution was not always quick or accurate enough and hospital passes were not unknown. Squires had a lively dart or two, but Slemen never had a sniff. Hare dropped a couple of catches but certainly finished in handsome credit.

It sadly has to be recorded—and not for the first time in recent years—that on likely occasions, in broken play, and there were not many of those, England lacked faith in themselves to run the ball, and kicked it away instead. Let the last accolades go to the winners; to all eight forwards whose combined skill and power won the day; to Haden, kingpin of their lineout; to the speed and industry of the loose trio; to the drive of Dalton and Johnstone, hooker and prop, in the loose; to the service and incisive thrusts of Donaldson breaking the gain line; to the kicking and calm generalship of Bruce; to the centres for some blanketing defence; and to two wings, Wilson and Williams, who looked dangerous whenever they had the slightest chance.

ENGLAND: W. H. Hare (Leicester), P. J. Squires (Harrogate), A. M. Bond (Sale), P. W. Dodge (Leicester), M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool); P. O. Horton (Bath), M. Young (Gosforth); P. J. Cowling (Leicester), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde, capt), J. P. Scott (Cardiff), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth), M. Rafter (Bristol).

NEW ZEALAND: B. J. McKechnie; S. S. Wilson, B. J. Robertson, W. M. Osborne, B. G. Williams; O. D. Bruce, M. W. Donaldson; B. R. Johnstone, A. G. Dalton, G. A. Knight, A. M. Haden, F. J. Oliver, L. M. Rutledge, G. A. Seear, G. N. Mourie (capt).

Referee: N. R. Sanson (Scotland).



All Black outlook for Rafter, England's industrious loose forward, as he is outnumbered and outflanked by New Zealanders at Twickenham on Saturday.

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spice has flavoured een Cardiff and eral years now and at happened on Arms Park was in recent tradition. was made bearable entertainment value fast, hard, mostly marked by open, Llanelli possessed resilience to win by a penalty goal (15) enalty goals (9). of Gareth Davies he current and im- and offs for Wales, occasion. A place ins side to play the December 16 was take between them rt must surely re- urite to win selec- ntimental grounds d the advantage in playing behind the more successful pack but there was not a lot to choose between them.

Each showed that innate flair three or four times for gliding effortlessly past would-be tacklers; and also their knack for making room on a sixpence (or halfpenny piece?) for the clearance kick. They share a mannerism for peering after their touch-finding kicks to ensure that their mental slide rule and foot has not let them down and, of course, an instinct for switching the direction of attacks. Bennett, more relaxed these days, may have won this contest within a contest by a whisker but Davies, I believe, could emerge the greater player in the eyes of posterity over the next 15 years.

Cardiff were without their two England international forwards; Llanelli lacked Quinnell with a neck injury. Cardiff, who have been unable to maintain a good start to the winter, gained little possession in the first half but came back later before faltering near the end. Llanelli have closed ranks in all respects since that unfinished business at Richmond and they rallied to find the stamina for a strong finish that brought them a decisive late score.

Early in the second half tempers became soured for the only time and there was one appalling flurry of fisticuffs but Mr Short spoke to the captains and that was that. Smith, for Cardiff, had a good match and *Llewellyn could* not be faulted in the set pieces. Holmes, at scrum half, seemed below his best; Daniels looked happier when he moved back into the centre in the second half after Finlayson went off. *For Llanelli*, Jenkins and Charles Thomas were robust in the pack and Gravell's running at centre profited from Bennett's scheming.

Llanelli led 6—0 at halftime through a try by Nicholas converted by Bennett. Newly-found drive by Cardiff, some carelessness by Llanelli and half an hour after the interval the score was 9—9. Davies first kicked three penalties for Cardiff and Bennett replied once. Five minutes from no-side a series of scrummages and mauls near the Cardiff line finally gave Bennett and Gravell the chance for Nicholas to score his second try, hurting himself in the process. Bennett converted and Llanelli had completed only their eighth post war win in 35 visits to Cardiff.

CARDIFF: P. Rees; P. Daniels, M. Murphy, A. Finlayson (rep. A. Yeandle), C. Camilleri; G. Davies, T. Holmes; B. Newman, M. Watkins, D. Llewellyn, P. Rawlins, R. Norster, T. Charles, C. Smith, M. John.

LLANELLI: C. Griffiths; J. J. Williams, R. Gravell, P. Morgan, D. Nicholas (rep. A. Hill); P. Bennett, S. Williams; C. Thomas, H. Thomas, J. Williams, A. Davies, P. May, D. Davey, H. Jenkins, S. Thomas.

Referee: J. A. Short (Hawick).

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Compressed in that episode, beginning with Preston's break and ending with Wyatt's try, was the best rugby of the match. Otherwise, untidiness ruled. The forwards mauled, the backs ran hither and thither, the French referee, Gilbert Chevrier, whistled loud and long (the programme for some reason connected him with the Scottish town of Hawick; in fact he comes from Avignon).

Penalties and injuries abounded. Roberts, the man of the hour, needed his head bandaged and there were nearly 15 minutes of injury time. But both side strove to play the open game, and that was something to be thankful for on a cold afternoon beside the sea.

Swansea's other tries were scored by Herdman, from a line-out, and Price, from a tapped penalty near the line quickly taken by Davies. Hess and Willis scored for Richmond, Hess after a chapter of errors by Swansea, Willis by turning up on the opposite wing when the direction of an attack was changed.

SWANSEA: M. Wyatt; G. Jones, G. Higgins, G. Jenkins, M. Langdon; N. Price, R. Davies; P. Llewellyn, J. Herdman, R. Lewis, B. Clegg, S. Mugford, G. Roberts, T. Chesseman, M. Keyworth.

RICHMOND: D. Whibley; H. Glean, I. Ray, P. Davies, D. Willis; N. Preston, C. Pritchard; A. Shortland, N. Vinter, W. Dickenson, M. Hess, J. Dicklin, R. Pearson, D. Rollitt, G. Greenwood.

Referee: G. Chevrier (Avignon).

There were no developments in the Christopher Ralston affair during the weekend. In the words of one Richmond official at Swansea, it is still "very much sub judice". Ralston played for the reserves on Saturday, his first game since the fateful one against Llanelli three weeks ago.

Ralston may soon be forced into naming the Llanelli player he thinks was responsible for his head wounds, Exchange Telegraph reports. Llanelli have said they are satisfied the incident was an accident. But Ralston said yesterday: "Richmond wanted a meeting but Llanelli don't appear to be interested. If nothing happens soon I will issue my own statement." Richmond are dissatisfied with *Llanelli's verdict* and have given the Welsh club the name of the player they believe was responsible for the injury.



Back to the fray: Ralston on Saturday for second XV match.

e perverts promised drama into farce

Hands

ifference a year makes. last season Leicester en Moseley were shap- a game which might a minor classic, so well clubs playing. The cancelled because of ive calls on Moseley he two met at Welford Saturday there were of farce which would entered last season's

won by two goals and goal (15) to a try and y goals (10) and left hs of relief. Moseley, the better of things , are doubtless still the unaccustomed their full back, Clive who had a clearing ted down to give the left wing, Tim Barn- ibly the softest try he all season.

es were hit by absen- eicester with four at m and their under-23 agham, ill with mumps. ave been without their Warren, and lock, Field, the season; they gave international duty, and er, King, has a leg vertheless it was reason- spect a more coherent rom both sides. esion of Moseley's pack and even their famous "wedge" penalty move failed to pay dividends. They still won a lot of lineout ball, from Ayre, Nutt and Beale, but for reasons best known to himself Cooper, with a full strength three-quarter line (a rare event this season), put up a succession of high balls which Leicester were happy to scramble away.

Cooper and Cusworth, the respective stand-off halves, had a private duel, for it is little more than a month since Cusworth left Moseley in order to find a regular half back position with Leicester. In that he kicked two conversions and a penalty and helped set up both tries for Barnwell, he came off better. But it was not a day for the Leicester backs and the home side profited more from the play of their back row men, *Adey and Smith, and the* enthusiastic White, who looks too good a hooker to remain in Peter Wheeler's shadow for much longer.

A simple penalty by Meanwell put Moseley ahead before Leicester scored all their points in the last 12 minutes of the first half. Cusworth put a long rolling kick deep into the opposite half; Thomas could have waited to touch it down but he passed to Meanwell who seemed to wait an age before Barnwell charged down his kick and scored. The second try came when Kenney broke, Cusworth looped back to the blind side and Barnwell stepped inside. Cusworth kicked both conversions and a penalty; in the second half, with the wind at their backs, Moseley scored a well-worked try by Nutt and Meanwell kicked a second penalty.

It seemed a pity that one of the bright memories of this match will be the stalwart play of Jan Webster, now a Moseley "occasional". At 32 the scrum *half's England days are not so* far behind him but it would be nicer to be able to look forward to what might be, rather than back to what was.

LEICESTER: A. Key; J. Duggan, T. Burwell, B. Hall (captain), T. Barnwell; L. Cusworth, S. Kenney; J. Krych, J. White, R. Needham, N. Joyce, A. Hazlerigg, B. Johnson, G. Adey, I. Smith.

MOSELEY: C. Meanwell; A. Thomas, B. Corless, M. Swain, R. Laird; M. Cooper (captain), J. Webster; K. Astley, S. Brain, J. Moore, B. Ayre, J. Tuckwood, J. White, D. Nutt, J. Beale.

Referee: J. Williams (Warwickshire).

Japan's title again

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 26.—Japan continued their domination of Asian rugby union with a 16—4 win over South Korea for their sixth successive Asian championship here last night. But the match was much closer than the score suggests, and it was only in the final 15 minutes that the Japanese could feel any certainty about the result.—Reuter.

Saracens put Welshmen to the sword

By Michael Hardy

Saracens beat Abertillery by a try and four penalty goals (16) to nil at Southgate on Saturday and those supporters who could drag themselves away from the televised international did not regret it. Not only were they kept informed of the score upstairs by the time-tested method of a mobile blackboard, but they also had a convincing win against a Welsh club to cheer them.

The one try, just after half-*time*, was as *good* as anything likely to be seen at Southgate all season. Abertillery, served by a lively scrum half in Grey, and prompted by smart work from Griffin in a ruck near their opponents' *line, looked odds on to* score, as indeed they had on a number of occasions in the first half. But they gave away a penalty at a vital time.

Running the ball from inside *their own 22, Saracens moved up* the left wing in an irresistible tide. At least 10 players handled the ball, backs and forwards alike, before Cotter was given the chance of scoring what was essen-*tially a team try. The pity was* that Worsfold could not crown a magnificent move by converting. However, he left a decisive mark on the game by kicking goals from four of the five penalty *chances that came his* way.

It took Saracens long enough to get going, largely because of their own handling lapses and Abertillery's quick covering. So it was 10 minutes from the time they kicked off before they again got into their opponents' half. After that they made some progress through the ability of Cotter and the centres to time their scissors moves, through passing crisp enough to match the day, and through the bulldozing of their big forwards, Papaloizou, Cooper and Harrigan.

Saracens were hampered to some extent by a leg injury to their promising scrum half, Milford. When he eventually went off, Croydon moved from the wing to take his place. Abertillery, who began with a much-changed team, also lost a player, Dawkins, through injury. Rees took his place in the centre. Outstanding among their pack was Clark, the number eight, who deserved better support for the many attacks he launched from the base of the scrummage.

SARACENS: A. Smith; D. Croydon, T. Smithers, P. Worsfold, C. Hanson; M. Cotter, C. Milford (rep. P. Tiddy); R. C. Fairclotn (captain), J. Wasezck, C. McGregor, A. Papaloizou, P. Cooper, E. Riddle, D. Harrigan, J. Tompsey.

ABERTILLERY: R. Evans; D. Rees, R. Dawkins (rep. N. Way), J. Derrick, S. Hardacre; A. Austin, A. Grey; D. Jones (captain), M. Cairns, M. Bird, R. Dowes, A. Higgins, M. Lloyd, P. Clark, S. Griffin.

Referee: D. H. S. Herriot (London).

The Welsh Rugby Union selectors have introduced five new caps in the B team to meet France B at Aberavon on Saturday. A notable inclusion is Jim McCready, a 30-year-old Newbridge prop who has given outstanding service to his club and Newport, before that, over the years.

C. Griffiths (Llanelli); E. Rees (Neath), N. Hutchins (Aberavon), P. Daniels (Cardiff), D. Nicholas (Llanelli); P. Morgan (Llanelli), A. Lewis (London Welsh); J. McCready (Newbridge), M. Watkins (Cardiff), A. Davies (South Wales Constabulary), J. Perkins (Pontypool), S. Sutton (Pontypool), G. Williams (Bridgend), C. Seldon (Pontypridd), D. Arthur (Maesteg).

Rugby results

International match

England	6	New Zealand	16

Club matches

Aberavon	18	Pontypool	15
Bath	25	US Portsmouth	10
Birkenhead Park	0	Morley	3
Blackburn	20	Millom	3
Blackheath	16	Neath	15
Broughton Park	32	Nuneaton	7
Cardiff	9	Llanelli	11
Carlisle	8	Leeds Univ	9
Chester	3	Wilmslow	7
Davenport	8	Rochdale	6
Eccles	12	Sefton	14
Ebbw Vale	21	Northampton	15
Exeter	13	Cheltenham	3
Furness	6	Caldy	3
Gosforth	18	Otley	3
Harlequins	22	Cambridge Univ	9
Headingley	10	Harrogate	10
Heaton Moor	36	Sheffield Univ	0
Huddersfield	44	St Helens	7
Hull & ER	16	Hartlepool R	0
Kendal	16	Keighley	13
Leicester	15	Moseley	10
Leigh	29	Derby	25
London Irish	10	Gloucester	12
London Scottish	13	Oxford Univ	3
London Welsh	10	Newport	9
Loughboro C	12	Middlesbrough	10
Lymm	15	Wharfedale	12
Macclesfield	7	Winnington Pk	14
Manchester	9	Bradford	3
Metrovick	3	Bury	0
Newbridge	7	Bridgend	3
Nottingham	10	Halifax	9
Oldham	10	Tyldesley	4
Penarth	3	Maesteg	21
Plymouth Alb	31	Barnstaple	3
Pontypridd	7	Birmingham	6
Roundhay	3	Northern	4
Rugby	6	Liverpool	17
Saracens	16	Abertillery	0
Sheffield	7	Orrell	14
Swansea	30	Richmond	17
Vale of Lune	13	Preston G'hop	3
Wakefield	[illegible]	Durham City	75
Warrington	13	Sutton Coldfield	3
Wasps	9	Metro Police	12
West Hartlepool	23	Durham Univ	4
Weston-s-Mare	4	Bristol	15
West Park	17	Hinckley	12
Wigan	29	Newbold	0
York	3	Ilkley	7

Scottish First division

Boroughmuir	7	W of Scotland	9
Gala	21	Kelso	10
Haddington	0	Stewarts/Mel	24
Jordanhill	6	Langholm	12
Kilmarnock	9	Heriot's FP	15
Watsonians	18	Hawick	15

HILVERSUM: Netherlands 10, Belgium 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Barnard Castle 0, Pocklington 4; Bedford 4, Rugby 33; Belmont Abbey 4, St Brendan's 11; Bishop's Stortford 20, Colchester RGS 0; Bloxham 7, Bromsgrove 8; Blundell's 13, Taunton 3; Bristol GS 22, Clifton 3; Broxbourne 6, William Ellis 11; Bryanston 11, Marlborough 0; Campion 28, Westcliff HS 0; Cheshunt 13, Hitchin 6; Chichester HS 6, Haywards Heath 36; Chosen Hill 6, Marling 6; Christ, Brecon 16, Worcester RGS 6; Christ's Hospital 42, Hurstpierpoint 3; Churcher's 15, Old Churcherians 6; Colfe's 6, Judd 16; Denstone 26, Newcastle HS 0; Downside 30, King's, Taunton 3; Ellesmere 7, Birkenhead 3; Felsted 39, Gresham's 6; Fettes 0, Rossall 39; Giggleswick 9, Leeds GS 48; Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 30, Brockley County 6.

Haydon 24, Verulam 3; Hipperholme GS 30, Huddersfield New Coll 3, Ipswich 26, Perse 9; Judd 16, Colfe's 6; King Edward's, Birmingham 17, Wrekin 3; King Edward's, Southampton 3, Guildford RGS 48; King Henry VIII, Coventry 7, Bishop Vesey's 6; King's, Bruton 35, Wells Cathedral School 0; King's, Canterbury 19, Tonbridge 7; King's, Grantham 0, Nottingham HS 30; King's, Rochester 45, Dane Court 4; Kingswood 11, Monkton Combe 10; Langley Park 10, Gravesend 35; Latymer Upper 6, Emanuel 0; Lord Wandsworth 18, Reed's 6; Lord Williams's, Thame 28, High Wycombe RGS 7; Maidstone GS 15, Purley HS 3; Mill Hill 3, Berkhamsted 4; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 3, Merchant Taylors', Crosby 7; Monmouth 22, Millfield 11; Newcastle RGS 26, Durham 4; Oakham 10, Leys 3; Oundle 6, Haileybury 8; Pierrepont 14, Farnham Colts 6; Prior Park 0, Colston's 4.

Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 17, Alleyne's, Stevenage 0; Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield 13, Ripon GS 13; Queen's, Taunton 15, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Bristol 12; Ratcliffe 0, Wyggeston 0; Richard Hale 6, Gunnersbury 6; Rickmansworth 3, Aylesbury GS 43; Royal Hospital School 22, Framlingham 11; Rydal 7, St Edward's, Liverpool 13; Ryde 6, Old Rydeians 24; St Albans 8, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 38; St Bees 0, Whitehaven GS 10; St Benedict's, Ealing 26, Tiffin 12; St Columba's 23, International School, Hague 4; St Dunstan's 6, Old Dunstonians 'A' 6; St Edmund's, Ware 4, Bancroft's 0; St Edward's 26, Harrow 3; St Joseph's Academy 22, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS 3; St Joseph's, Ipswich 6, Culford 15; St Lawrence 24, Duke of York's, RMS 3; St Mary's, Sidcup 24, St Olave's 10; Sedbergh 13, Loretto 0; Shaftesbury GS 4, Milton Abbey 57; Sherborne 31, Radley 10.

Shiplake 6, Magdalen Coll School 6; Silcoates 12, Trent 26; Skinners 19, Chatham House 6; Stamford 19, King's Peterborough 4; Stoneham 13, Desborough, Maidenhead 22; Sutton Valence 3, Eltham College 32; Tavistock 3, Kelly 19; Truro 31, Shebbear 4; U.C.S. 14, St Ignatius 4; Uppingham 36, Welbeck 3; Wallington HS 22, Glyn 3; Warwick 6, Bablake 11; Wellington, Somerset 3, Plymouth College 14; West Buckland 8, Okehampton 3; Whitefriars 34, Backwell 0; Whitgift 11, K.C.S., Wimbledon 12; Wimbledon College 19, Trinity 13; Windsor 16, Hampton 9; Worth 18, Brighton College 0; Woolverstone Hall 22, Wymondham 10; Wycliffe 12, Dean Close 0; Canford 20, Old Boys 3; Cheltenham 6, Stowe 10; Dover 12, Old Boys 6; King William's, Isle of Man 12, Cardinal Allen 0; Lancing 12, Norwich 34; Wellington (Berks) 39, Epsom 0.

Rugby League

First division

Leeds	26	Featherstone R	9

Yesterday

FIRST DIVISION: Barrow 5, Widnes 11; Bradford Northern 30, Rochdale Hornets 18; St Helens 15, Huddersfield 16; Wakefield Trinity 24, Warrington 17; Wigan 21, Hull Kingston Rovers 11; Workington Town 25, Leigh 7.

SECOND DIVISION: Batley 5, York 33; *Halifax v Dewsbury (postponed)*; Huyton 13, Bramley 15; Keighley 5, Hull 23; New Hunslet 30, Whitehaven 17; Oldham 6, Blackpool Borough 7; Swinton 43, Doncaster 9.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	11	9	0	2	201	113	18
Warrington	11	9	0	2	198	143	18
Hull KR	9	8	0	1	202	104	16
St Helens	11	7	1	3	231	158	15
Wigan	10	7	1	2	203	141	15
Castleford	12	7	0	5	207	207	14
Leeds	12	5	1	6	197	187	11
Wakefield	10	5	1	4	141	153	11
Salford	9	5	1	6	191	193	11
Bradford Nthn	9	5	0	4	184	132	10
Workington	10	4	1	5	141	95	9
Rochdale	11	4	0	7	134	194	8
Leigh	13	3	1	9	152	262	7
Featherstn R	12	2	1	9	193	299	5
Huddersfield	12	2	1	9	137	254	5
Barrow	11	1	1	9	107	230	3

CARCASSONNE, France: International match: France 13, Australia 10.

Racing

Approaching very much at home despite challenge of Master H

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Master H paid a glowing tribute to this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Midnight Court, at Newbury on Saturday when he ran so well in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Last April, Midnight Court finished eight lengths in front of Master H when he won what is the blue riband of steeplechasing at Cheltenham.

Yet for a few seconds on Saturday it looked as though Master H might even win the Brandy *Steeplechase with 12 stone on his* back. Those few seconds were when Reg Crank sent Master H in pursuit of Approaching at the beginning of the straight on the second and last circuit.

With three fences still left to jump Master H looked very dangerous but the concession of 22 pounds to Approaching was more than he could manage and not long afterwards it became clear that Approaching would win if he did not fall. In fact he jumped the last two fences as immaculately as he had jumped most of the other 19 and eventually he passed the post five lengths to the good.

Master H plugged on resolutely to take second prize, four lengths in front of William Penn, who had led for much of the way until Bob Champion finally decided that the moment was ripe to let *Approaching have his head when* there were still six fences left.

The first three were followed home by Banlieu, Orillo and Parkhouse. King or Country ran badly—too badly to be true, his *trainer, David Barons, said later.* Approaching clearly loves Newbury. He has now won five steeplechases there and it is easy to understand why. He is a big horse, standing 17.1, with a long *raking stride and Newbury is a* galloping track with nicely-made fences evenly spaced.

Once Approaching gets into his rhythm there is no holding him. On a tighter circuit he could easily be thrown off balance. In the circumstances I was not remotely surprised to hear his trainer, Josh Gifford, say later that a return trip to what is undoubtedly his happy hunting ground for the Mandarin Handicap Steeplechase on December 30 could easily be *on the cards while Approaching is* still reasonably handicapped.

An alternative objective is the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day but I find it hard to believe that Approaching would not be still meeting the likes of Midnight Court on far better terms in a handicap than he would in a race with conditions attached in spite of Saturday's result.

On Saturday, Approaching broke the track record, shaving a fraction of a second off the previous best time which was set by Spanish Steps on the same occasion nine years ago. It says something for Spanish Steps that he carried 16 pounds more than Approaching on that occasion.

The fast ground on Saturday was undoubtedly partially responsible for the quick time yet a new course record could easily have taken some by surprise. They *did* not appear to go particularly fast early on. But the pace certainly stepped up on the second circuit when Champion decided to make the fullest possible use of his horse's *light weight. Like many* present I was delighted when Major Derek Wigan, Approaching's owner, and Gifford decided to let Champion ride their horse although he would have to carry *as much as four pounds over*weight.

To all the world it looked as though Gifford was unlucky not to win the same race 12 months earlier when Champion put up seven pounds overweight on Aldaniti, who eventually finished third beaten less than four lengths. This time Major Wigan and his trainer had to weigh the advantage of their horse carrying his correct weight, and being ridden by a stranger, against that of him being ridden by his normal pilot, the man who knew him best, and they decided to risk the overweight. How right they were.

Champion gave Approaching a lovely ride and their victory was the sweetest possible compensation for him having to shed as much as seven pounds in a week. Looking understandably gaunt, Champion managed to weigh out at 10st 6lb on Saturday. In order to do so he had under him only a two-pound saddle which cannot be the most comfortable of equipment on which to sit through a steeplechase over 21 fences lasting three and a quarter miles. Not surprisingly the only things that Champion was looking forward to on Saturday evening were a hot bath, a big dinner and a good sleep. I trust that he enjoyed all three because he certainly deserved them.

Fully recovered from a recent operation which he described as the most painful experience of his life, the popular and easily recognizable figure of Fred Rimell was at Newbury to see Connaught Ranger and Royal Gaye, his two runners in the Berkshire Hurdle finish first and second.

As if determined to prove how wrong humans can be when dealing with horses, Connaught Ranger beat his more fancied stable companion on whom Rimell confessed afterwards to have wagered £40 to win £70.

Amid widespread delight, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present to see her *promising* young horse, Upton Grey, win the second division of the Speen Novices Hurdle. Upton Grey was the Queen Mother's first winner of the season. Earlier in the day *her colours had been carried to* second place in the first division by Special Cargo who looks a nice prospect for the future.

At Wetherby the market pointed to a very fit Silver Buck being able to beat Alverton in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase (qualifier) which was Alverton's first race of the season. With that race behind him, Alverton will be a totally different proposition in the weeks to come. Sadly the race was marred by the injury to Jeff King who broke a leg badly when Mac's Chariot fell.

Because of a dispute at the Press Association our coverage of racing and some other sports is incomplete.

Wolverhampton

12.45 WULFRUNA NOVICES' CHASE (£961: 2m)

-301 Big Strong Boy, R. E. Peacock, 5-11-5
032 Ernest, B. Cambidge, 6-11-5
0-04 Barnlliean, G. Wallace, 5-11-0
0-2u Ri Foxy, J. Tierney, 5-11-0
01-p Melody River, R. E. Peacock, 5-11-0
0f0 Reasonable Choice, Earl Jones, 5-11-0

1.15 COVEN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,004: 3m)

04-3 Bear's Paw, G. Barlow, 7-12-0
0-00 Border Mark, C. Miller, 10-11-1
0-02 Spariot, W. Clay, 10-10-12
-243 Lovejoy, A. Andrews, 8-10-4

1.45 REYNOLDSTOWN PATTERN HURDLE (£2,534: 2½m)

1 Mister Bosun, J. Thorne, 5-11-5
421 Swing Through, D. Marks, 5-11-5
111 Big Ben, A. Dickinson, 4-11-0
000- Aughavollmane, M. Tate, 4-10-12
-350 Caper's Lad, N. Mitchell, 6-10-12
024- Dolly Dickins, R. Hollinshead, 4-10-7

2.15 STAVELEY LIMITED CHASE (Handicap: £1,567: 2m 5f)

-14f Ireland's Owen, J. Edwards, 9-12-0
122- Autumn Rain, M. Oliver, 7-11-7
11-0 County Clare, R. Cooper, 9-11-5
p-0p Pizza, C. Miller, 7-10-10
-311 Silver Delight, G. Balding, 9-10-10

2.45 BIRCHES BRIDGE HURDLE (4-y-o Handicap: £638: 2m)

11-4 News King, N. Callaghan, 11-10
241- Drusus, F. Rimell, 11-6
3-11 Naval Victory, R. Hollinshead, 10-2
203 Gold TV, W. Clay, 10-1
-000 Clothes Line, J. Pridos, 10-0
100- Skegby, O. Brennan, 10-0
122 Sammy Souza, Mrs R. Lomax, 10-0

3.15 VICTORIA OPPORTUNITY HURDLE (Handicap: £607: 2m 7f)

31 Crestino, O. O'Neill, 7-12-1
00-0 Lampshade, P. Bevan, 5-11-10
03 Double Whiskey, G. Balding, 6-11-7
203- Solid Gold, A. Portman, 12-11-2
00-1 Brig, K. Bailey, 6-11-2
0f0 Tranby, A. W. Jones, 7-11-1
400- Master Butcher, P. Felgate, 8-10-11
240 Michelle, G. Wallace, 6-10-7
f30 Cariquest, J. Peacock, 6-10-7
40 Royal Bramble, D. Plant, 5-10-7

WOLVERHAMPTON SELECTIONS: 12.45 Big Strong Boy. 1.15 Bear's Paw. 1.45 Mister Bosun. 2.15 Silver Delight. 2.45 Naval Victory. 3.15 Brig.

Windsor

1.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £561: 2m 30yd)

Churchillian, D. Jermy, 5-11-6
-234 Paul Allison, A. Pitt, 6-11-6
24- *Pave the Way, L. Dawson*, 7-11-6
Royal Pearl, H. Payne, 5-11-6
245 Western Princess, J. Webber, 7-11-6
u-00 Hot Tramp, J. Bridger, 4-11-0
22u- Naughty B, F. Winter, 4-11-0
02 White Heron, D. Grissell, 4-11-0
333 Young Blade, D. Hanley, 4-11-0

1.30 RUSSELL SELLING HURDLE (£460: 2m 30yd)

0-0 Great Things, A. Davison, 5-11-11
3-03 Lucky Devil, M. Salaman, 5-11-11
00 Africa Star, Mrs R. Lomax, 5-11-6
-402 Le Dauphin, M. Pipe, 6-11-6
0-00 St Severin, P. Allingham, 6-11-6
Wee Robin, J. Clark, 6-11-6
0-0 Desslina, D. Jermy, 5-11-0
3 Hetherdery, C. Read, 4-11-0
-000 Recona, I. Yardley, 4-11-0

2.0 WHITE HART HURDLE (Handicap: £629: 2m 30yd)

0-04 Rushmere, R. Atkins, 5-11-2
4 Galahad II, G. Harwood, 5-10-0
0u0- In Vision, D. Browning, 7-10-0
3- Darcy, V. Cross, 6-10-0
301 David's City, W. Guest, 8-10-0
01-u Sheric Boy, J. Perrett, 5-10-0

2.30 ROUND OAK CHASE (Handicap: £564: 2m 5f)

311 Imperial Family, J. Gifford, 5-12-7
241 Glanfield, M. Bolton, 6-12-1
04-3 Fixby Gold, I. Wardle, 8-11-5
331 Tight Schedule, J. Bridger, 8-10-11

3.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £555: 2m 30yd)

0p Long Story, J. O'Donoghue, 6-11-6
00-p Peter Wolf, B. Shaw, 5-11-6
024- Portella, H. Payne, 5-11-6
00f Rugan Moss, T. Muggeridge, 5-11-6
Welsh Song, J. Clark, 5-11-6
Carlo's Gun, D. Grissell, 4-11-0
40- Halls Treasure, W. Marshall, 4-11-0
000 Halls Boy, D. Lewis, 4-11-0
Silk Fashion, A. Pitt, 4-11-0
00-0 Splendid Summer, P. Ashworth, 4-11-0

3.15 SALT HILL CHASE (Handicap: £934: 3m)

p0- Peace Pact, J. Clark, 8-10-0
Walks over.

WINDSOR SELECTIONS: 1.0 Naughty B. 1.30 Lucky Devil. 2.0 Galahad II. 2.30 Imperial Family. 3.0 Halls Treasure.

Newbury results

1.0: 1, Colway Boy (5-2 fav); 2, Special Cargo (6-1); 3, Iron Fighter (4-1). 8 ran. Royal Cottage did not run.

1.30: 1, Hosgotit (5-2); 2, Kolo Scott (9-4 fav); 3, Gradenly (7-2). 5 ran.

2.5: 1, Approaching (3-1 fav); 2, Master H (9-2); 3, William Penn (25-1). 8 ran. Stromboius did not run.

2.35: 1, Connaught Ranger (6-2); 2, Royal Gaye (2-1 fav); 3, Heinan (6-1). 7 ran. Tarbank did not run.

3.5: 1, Skyrne (5-1); 2, Menehall (7-2); 3, Space Project (4-1). 5 ran. Tree Tangle 9-4 fav.

3.35: 1, Upton Grey (5-1); 2, Hollow Away (14-1); 3, Prince Lancing (7-2 *it fav*). *Hanser 7-2 it fav.* Wheel-um-Boy did not run.

Wetherby

1.0: 1, Swagger Stick (7-4 fav); 2, Quality Supreme (11-2); 3, Easby Gold (25-1). 25 ran.

1.30: 1, Silver Buck (13-8 fav); 2, Alverton (7-4); 3, Mafia King (9-1). 7 ran.

2.0: 1, Royal Roseberry (10-1); 2, Ice Plant (11-8 fav); 3, Brawny Scot (10-1). 6 ran.

2.30: 1, Padski (6-1); 2, Pearly Sandy (10-1); 3, Clems Boy (25-1). 17 ran. Migelito 7-2 fav.

3.0: 1, Fighting Fit (6-5 fav); 2, Cavity Hunter (6-1); 3, Man Alive (11-2). 5 ran.

3.30: 1, Captain Bing (16-1); 2, Lunesdale (7-2); 3, Linamac (20-1). *24 ran. Zamandra 9-4 fav. Heavenly* Laird did not run.

Wolverhampton

12.45: 1, John Boy (7-4 fav); 2, Lucy Parlor (2-1); 3, Posy Burn (10-1). 4 ran.

1.15: 1, Fox Run (6-4 fav); 2, *Transformation* (9-4); 3, *El Cardo* (15-8). 4 ran. Co-Partner did not run.

1.45: 1, Grando King (4-7); 2, Woodvale (12-1); 3, Tidal Wave (11-2). 4 ran. Reid's did not run.

2.15: 1, This Way (4-1); 2, Kilo (14-1); 3, Even Town (10-1). Gloonan Lodge 11-8 fav. 8 ran. Again The Same did not run.

2.45: 1, Saucy Dove (7-2); 2, Dbounty (4-1); 3, Lloyd Ardua (25-1). Oularater 5-4 fav. 8 ran. Culcan, Nelson, The White Tower did not run.

3.15: 1, Now Hear This (10-1); 2, Linton (7-2); 3, Puppy T. (16-1). 20 ran. Allyre. H... Shop. Turo did not run.

Rugby League

Surprise win for France

Carcassonne, Nov 26.—France upset the odds when they beat the touring Australian team 13—10 here today in the first of the two-match international series. Australia, who beat Britain 2—1 in the recent series, led 8—4 at halftime and looked set to continue their winning ways.

But France, roared on by a crowd of 6,000 stepped up the pace in the second half and clinched the match when Naudo plunged over for a try in the 68th minute.

In a first half dominated by the touring side, Cronin and Louie both scored tries, one of which Cronin converted. Moya kept France in touch with two penalty goals. In the second half, Moya added three more penalties in the 43rd, 49th, and 56th minute to put his side ahead, but Cronin equalized with a penalty in the 62nd minute. The second international will be played at Toulouse on December 10.—Agence France-Presse.

For the record

Rackets

TONBRIDGE: Eton (D. J. C. Faber and T. R. V. Robins) beat Tonbridge (D. J. Richardson and A. C. T. Bell), 15—5, 15—8, 15—3, 15—5.

Gymnastics

PAPENDAL, Netherlands: Women's youth: Netherlands 178.50pts, Britain 176.70. Individual: 1, B. Vos, 36.70; 2, L. Wynne (GB), 35.75; 3, D. Amson (GB), 35.70; 4, S. Caheme (GB), 35.40.

Yachting

MANZANILLO: World Finn Championship: Fifth race: 1, C. Law (GB); 2, J. Bertrand (US); 3, L. Nady (US); 4, J. Blanco (Spain); 5, C. Bucan (US). Overall: 1, Bertrand, 46.7 pts; 2, Bucan, 71 pts.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 5, Vancouver Canucks 2; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; Boston Bruins 5, Washington Capitals 5; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Montreal Canadiens 3; Colorado Rockies 6, Toronto Montreal Leafs 5; Los Angeles Kings 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; St Louis Blues 4, Detroit Red Wings 0.

Cricket

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales first innings 383 (A. Hilditch 124, A. Border 66, G. Hughes 50, R. Hogg 5 for 73). South Australia *first innings 150 for 6 (R. Darling* 73 not out).

BUNBURY, Western Australia: WSC Cavaliers 181 (K. Wessels 50), World XI 185 for 7 (M. Procter 88 not out).

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 11, Sth Manchester and Wythenshawe 7; Heaton Mersey 7, Boardman & Eccles 10; Sheffield University 12, Old Stopfordians 9.

NORTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Stockport 17, Old Waconians 8.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Hampstead 18, London University 10; Hillcroft 3, Purley 10; Kenton 7, Lee 14.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND INTERMEDIATE FLAG: Second round: Buckhurst Hill A 16, Croydon A 7; Purley A 8, *Lee A 12; St Helier 13, Hampstead A 2.*

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MINOR FLAG: Second round: Buckhurst Hill B 10, Bexleyheath A 7; Lee B 10, Oxford Iroquois 3; Swanley 15, St Helier A 6.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: Barnet & Enfield 9, Reigate 2; Hatch End 3, West London 8.

Swimming

SANDHURST: Inter-cadet services *championship*: 1, *Air Training Corps* 117; 2, Sea Cadet Corps 85; 3, Army Cadet Corps 81.

Golf

SAO PAULO: Brazil open, leading scores: 207: R. Lloyd, 66, 69, 72. 210: S. Martin (GB), 73, 68, 69; L. D'Arcy (Ireland), 71, 68, 71. 211: F. Gorman, 70, 72, 69. 212: T. Simpson, 67, 71, 74. 213: V. Fernandez, 73, 69, 70. 214: S. Lyle (GB), 74, 72, 68; C. Bessa, 74, 67, 73. 216: L. Carlos Pinto, 71, 74, 70. 217: M. Pinon (GB), 75, 70, 72; R. de Vicenzo, 71, 71, 75; R. Rossi, 71, 72, 74. British scores included: 219: S. Cox, 74, 68, 77. 221: S. Torrance, 74, 75, 72. 228: M. Ingles, 76, 73, 79. 229: M. Foster, 72, 76, 81.

MIYAZAKI: Dunlop Phoenix tournament, final scores: 275—A. Bean, 67, 70, 69, 69. 280—G. Marsh, 69, 70, 70, 71. 283—R. Watkins, 73, 69, 70, 70; 283—R. Byman, 69, 73, 67, 74. 286—I. Aoki, 69, 70, 77, 70. 288—B. Crenshaw, 75, 71, 72. 289—Y. Yamamoto, 71, 71, 73, 74. 291—L. Hinkle, 69, 78, 70, 74; M. Ozaki, 71, 72, 71, 77; K. Shimada, 71, 76, 71, 73. Other foreign scores include: 292—S. Ballesteros, 70, 72, 73, 77; E. Sneed, 74, 70, 72, 76; M. Barber, 75, 74, 70, 73; J. McGee, 68, 77, 74, 73; H. Green, 73, 73, 71, 73; D. Graham, 74, 73, 72, 73. 293—M. McLendon, 73, 78, 70, 72.

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BOGOTA: Leading scores: 208: A. Rigondanza, 69, 71, 68; 210: A. Jacklin, 72, 68, 70. 211: J. Fought, 72, 70, 69; J. Aleman, 72, 65, 74. 214: B. Gardener, 75, 72, 69.

Tennis

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina grand prix, quarter finals: H. Solomon beat C. Lewis, 6—0, 6—1; V. Pecci w/o J. Higueras; C. Barazzutti beat C. Kyrmair, 6—4, 6—7, 6—3; J.-L. Clerc beat R. Ocyeza, 6—7, 6—3. Semi-finals: Pecci beat Barazzutti, 6—1, 1—6, 6—3; Clerc beat Solomon, 6—1, 3—6, 6—3. Final: J. L. Clerc beat V. Pecci, 6—4, 6—4.

Tennis

Miss Barker in fine form for Federation Cup

Melbourne, Nov 26.—The United States are favourites for this year's Federation Cup on the grass courts at Kooyong tomorrow having won the trophy for the last two years.

The strong American team of Christine Evert, Billie Jean King, Tracy Austin and Rosemary Casal, will be trying to equal Australia's record of seven wins in the annual women's world team tennis championship. The only other countries to have won the 15-year-old tournament are South Africa, who have withdrawn this year, and Czechoslovakia, who are in the top half of the draw with the United States.

Thirty-two countries are competing and the strongest challenge to the holders is expected to come from Australia and Britain. The home team have been weakened by the loss of Evonne Cawley through injury but they still have the formidable combination of Wendy Turnbull and Kerry Reid, the current Wimbledon doubles champions.

They have been training on grass for the past week under the guidance of their team captain, Neale Fraser, and the Melbourne crowd will give them plenty of encouragement.

Britain come to Melbourne fresh from their Wightman Cup victory over the United States in London earlier this month and they must be confident of repeating that triumph here. They meet Spain in the first round tomorrow.

Susan Barker, the British number two, arrived two weeks ago to prepare for the competition and completed a perfect warm-up by winning the Queensland open today when she beat Christine O'Neill, of Australia, 6—1, 6—3. By contrast, the American girls have had only a brief practice on Kooyong's speedy courts today *after arriving late because they* thought their first match was not until Tuesday, but they meet South Korea tomorrow morning.

FIRST ROUND: Monday: United States v South Korea, New Zealand v Canada, West Germany v Brazil, Czechoslovakia v Portugal, Indonesia v Philippines, Britain v Spain, Argentina v Denmark, France v Sweden. Tuesday: Ireland v Switzerland, Italy v Romania, Norway v Yugoslavia, Austria v Soviet Union, Chile v Uruguay, Mexico v Netherlands, Israel v Japan, Belgium v Australia.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Nov 26.—Jimmy Connors overwhelmed Ilie Nastase, of Romania, 6—2, 6—4 in the final of a $125,000 invitation tennis *tournament here today.*

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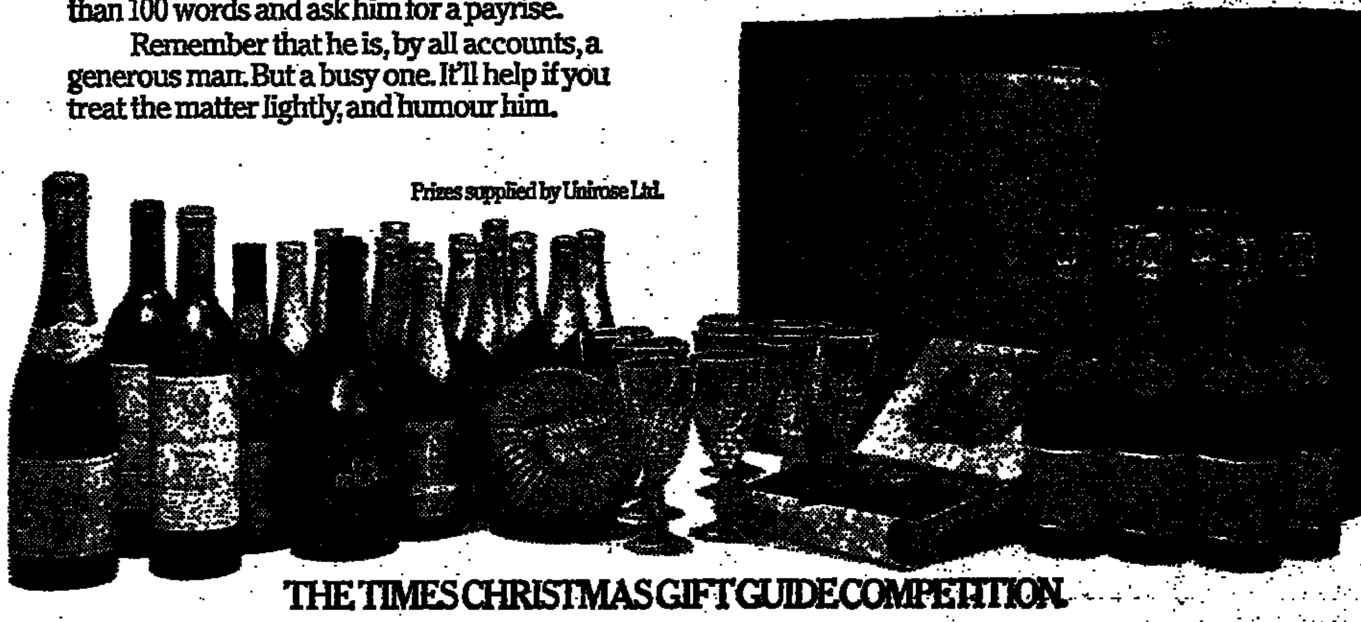
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This year, The Times has lost 4 million copies and did not appear on nine days because of labour disputes. The Sunday Times, which twice did not appear and 26 times did not complete its run, has lost over 8 million copies. The weekly Literary Supplement, Educational Supplement and Higher Educational Supplement have lost 600,000 copies. Revenue losses through sales and advertisements have amounted to £3.9m, representing a profit loss of £2.7m.

The date of November 30 has been etched on the minds of 4,300 Times Newspapers employees for seven months, and as the day looms the atmosphere at New Printing House Square is thick with rumour and speculation. It is clear to everybody that the management is serious about its threat to suspend publication of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and the three weekly supplements, unless it gets agreement on wide ranging proposals for revised terms and conditions of employment with the primary aim of ending unofficial disputes.

Union lawyers have been studying labour law in search of something that relates to the phenomenon of "suspension" (of the product, the management says, not of the staff) but has discovered that neither the word, nor the concept is recognized. According to one union leader, the closure of Times Newspapers will be a lawyers' paradise.

There is a daily flow of meetings between unions and management throughout the juxtaposed offices of the two newspapers in Gray's Inn Road. Any individual or chapel (union office branch) accepting the management's terms will not receive notice of dismissal; the rest will get notice, which is at least four months for journalists and two to 12 weeks for printing union members.

The aim is to concentrate the minds of employees and their unions on the need for a solution to unofficial disputes. The National Graphical Association, the main craft printing union, steadfastly refuses to negotiate on a new disputes procedure unless the November 30 deadline is removed. It has said that it will also be unwilling to negotiate during a shutdown.

Until a few weeks ago the union was prepared to talk about the introduction of computerized technology, but broke off negotiations, because it believes the management is determined to commit the union to allow journalists and telephonic advertisement staff to type copy directly into the computers. So the prospects of early peace with all the unions and shop floor workers is remote. (The differentiation is necessary because of the fierce independence that most shop floor workers feel from their national unions, so an agreement with one has not necessarily in the past meant agreement with the other.)

Last week leaders of Fleet Street unions, except the NGA, accepted a revised disputes procedure subject to ratification by the shop-floor and union branches. If it survives those tests, it will be one step towards what the management wants. In addition there are wide ranging proposals covering manning, new technology working practices—in fact, an almost total revision of existing terms and conditions of employment.

The NGA's approach is reflected by Mr William Booroff, Secretary of the London region: "If they shut the paper, we will have to accept it. But we will not negotiate under the threat of a close-down, and that's final."

Company accountants say it would cost £3.8m to close all five titles during December. It is a subjective view as to how long the papers could stay shut without inflicting permanent damage on their viability. Union leaders' estimates about the length of a shutdown vary from two weeks to a year. The management says it will shut for as long as necessary, but few people seriously believe that titles will close permanently.

Some shop floor union officials have complained that they have been given no more than six weeks to study and accept the detailed management proposals before the deadline. Mr M. J. Hussey, chief executive and managing director of Times Newspapers says, in reply: "Six weeks is a long time to negotiate anything, if there is a willingness to negotiate. We are prepared to talk day and night, weekends, anytime. *The Daily Star* was negotiated in less time than that."

Mr Booroff was equally adamant: "I suppose this deadline is meant to be an exercise in firm management. It is a mistaken exercise and will not work. If they withdraw the deadline, we will negotiate immediately."

The management's plan has three elements: the ending of unofficial action, a reduction in over-manning and the introduction of the new technology. On the third floor of *The Sunday Times* building, in the carpeted former editorial offices of *The Guardian*, an interim computer system clicks and hums quietly in stark contrast to the hubbub of the hot-metal composing rooms it seeks to replace.

That system is capable of producing the three supplements. Additional software is due to arrive at Gray's Inn Road on November 30, and more hardware is due as the end of March. If there were no shut down and if there were shop floor agreement, the plan would be to produce *The Times Higher Educational Supplement* by computer at the end of March, followed by the *Literary Supplement* and the *Educational Supplement* (sub-editors would at this stage be working on terminals). After that would follow the classified and display advertisements of *The Sunday Times* and *The Times*, with sub editors on those papers using terminals in mid-1980 and the end of 1980 respectively. Reporters on the supplements would be producing their copy on terminals in 1981 and reporters on the two main newspapers in the middle of the same year.

But it is the rigid policy of the NGA to resist "direct input" into the system by journalists or anybody else—that job, it believes, belongs to the printers. Like all Fleet Street unions, the NGA accepts that computerized technology is inevitable, and that manning levels will be reduced. At the same time the management points out that most of the inputting will remain with the NGA when the new system is introduced.

Mr Victor Limpenny is Imperial Father of *The Times* graphical chapel of the NGA, which covers compositors, readers, linotype operators, telecommunications and electronics workers—some of the men whose jobs are most threatened by new technology. He believes the labour troubles at Times Newspapers were brought into focus when *The Times* moved from Blackfriars four years ago to its new offices next door to *The Sunday Times*, which meant that workers doing the same job in the same building were often getting different pay and conditions.

This is a selection of his grievances:

1. Different conditions operate for men doing the same job for the same company in the same building.

The management says that its proposals are attempting to secure a common rate for everyone in an integrated composing room.

2. All claims for increased pay for increased productivity are subjected to a management policy that allows no movement for negotiations, ie all extra monies must be self-funding. On this shortsighted policy alone, the management has invited its own production problems.

The management comments that new technology will mean increased pay and productivity for all NGA men involved, if only the union would negotiate.

3. Ninety-nine per cent of Times management work during the day; there are no management personnel working at night in a position to make a decision without reference by telephone to their private homes.

Management state that they are available day and night.

4. With the exception of The *Morning Star*, wage rates are the lowest in Fleet Street, resulting in continual loss of trained staff.

Management claims that rates are competitive with most offices.

Mr Hussey states: "If we were allowed to produce the papers regularly and efficiently, without unofficial disputes, sales would rise. We would have a bigger paper and we would be more prosperous. There would be better salaries, better pensions, more holidays and improved sick pay for everyone—all this without compulsory redundancy. The vast majority of the money we save as a result of voluntary redundancies and the introduction of new equipment will go back to the staff, the rest for further investment in the paper.

"We were exhorted by journalists to take action against the people who prevented the paper reaching the readership. We were constantly criticized by them for not taking action. I would have thought they would be grateful to us for trying to resolve the problem. Everybody's livelihood, including mine, is threatened by unofficial action."

Was there a moral issue in threatening to dismiss people, such as journalists, who had never disrupted the paper? Mr Hussey said: "We are protecting the future livelihoods of people who have not caused damage, by trying to resolve the difficulties of those who have."

Was the Thomson Organisation trying to get rid of Times Newspapers? Was the company trying to dodge redundancy payments under the terms of house agreements? Mr Hussey: "There is no question of the titles being up for sale. There is no strategy for getting out of our redundancy obligations under the Act."

Were statutory redundancy obligations substantially less than obligations under house agreements? Mr Hussey: "I really do not know what we would pay if we closed the paper, because to my mind closure is inconceivable. We are doing everything to build up the paper, not destroy it. Unofficial action is the only thing which could possibly close it. It is a situation I sincerely hope will not arise."

The computer system chosen by Times Newspapers has been subjected to misinformed criticism, although it is by no means perfect. It *will* produce accurate and hyphenation is *not* a problem. The main inadequacy is that it cannot do page make-up—the page must be "locked up"—but that capability is being developed and will become available.

The system in operation [illegible] page text make-up.

System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, California, built the operation on a system for producing edit and display advertisements together an electronic accounting process. relatively new in producing edit systems. Not everybody at Times Newspapers favoured the choice of SDC, even its original opponents now say it will be in many ways one of the best in the world.

The system has been sold to a [illegible] American and Canadian newspapers including major metropolitan titles: *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Toronto Globe and Mail*, and *The Globe Dispatch* in St Louis, as well as to a large [illegible] daily.

Early last year, SDC told Times Newspapers that it would not be able to produce all the refinements that had been requested. Mr Richard Selmon, project manager for new technology at Times Newspapers said: "It has to be remembered that we set out on [illegible] moon. The system we will end up with at the end of this month will be [illegible] towards getting what we originally asked for. We will be developing as soon as we get it, because it goes out of date so quickly."

But all of this will be to no avail if the management and shop floor fail to reach agreement. Closure or no closure, November 30 will be an historic day. Nobody can be in any doubt that the future prosperity of the most famous newspaper in the world is on the line.

Christopher Thorn
Labour Rep

Say something, even if it's only goodbye

Recruits in the army are made to drill each other on the parade ground in order to cultivate their qualities of command. When one of them freezes in unmilitary aphasia because he cannot make up his mind on which foot to give the order "About Turn", and his squad is quick-marching away to the horizon, the sergeant-major bellows the traditional joke: "Say something, laddy, even if it's only goodbye."

As *The Times* marches sadly off the daily drillyard, at least temporarily, it seems only polite to say something, even if it is only goodbye. For journalists to be deprived of their daily tracking-ground is almost the worst thing that can happen to them. But journalists also become addicted readers of their newspapers. And to be deprived of reading one's customary morning newspaper is a severance even more painful than losing one's job. I doubt whether civilized existence is, as we say these days, viable without *The Times*.

Everybody approaches his morning newspaper in an individual manner that is part of his ritual of passage into another goddamned day. Methodical people, no doubt, work their way systematically through from front to back, skipping when nobody is watching. I do not believe that anybody has time to read every word, since there are as many words as in three novels of average length. Those with a private interest to declare rummage immediately to see what Irving Wardle thought of the play they went to last night, or whether the Editor has seen the light and decided to publish their letters to him, or what alterations a sub-editor or slovenly young Tarache, goddess of misprints, has made to their pieces.

Market research suggests that many people flutter backwards and forwards through *The Times* like drunken butterflies, pausing to sip a law report, gorge themselves on Levin, or dip their mandibles into who has a birthday today, or who entertained whom to luncheon yesterday on the Court Page.

Of course, we shall miss the broad meadows of *The Times* most: the news, editorials, features, and reviews. But these are available elsewhere, though hardened and shameless addicts would argue only as inadequate substitutes. What are irreplaceable are the nooks and crannies of *The Times*. Where else can we find anniversary notices for Julius Caesar ("Where shall we find such another leader?"), Richard III, Charles I, and Byron ("It was as if the sun had gone out")? Do you remember the *In Memoriam* notice of the couple who lived beautiful lives on Wimbledon Common, or of the woman who spent her life on her knees in the houses of the rich, and left the world a cleaner place than she found it? And what about the man who was remembered for having passed away after a dogged resistance, and left his money to the Canine Defence League? Where else but the Court Page, that lovely asylum of lost causes and improbable events, should we read the announcement of a month or two ago that Reggie Maudling had won the Women Caring Award in a swimming contest between Members of Parliament?

It is a commonplace that the letters to the Editor, particularly those in the bottom right-hand corner below the fold, that apiary for the bees in the tribal bonnet, are a conspicuous glory of *The Times*. Many of the classic correspondences, which rattled on for weeks, linger happily in the memory. Do you remember the great debate on how to keep your hands warm while reading in bed? It was the warmest discussion since the Fathers of the Early Church were hurling anathemas at each other. Nobody suggested anything as simple as a hot water-bottle: it was all ponchos, and rubber bands around the wrists, and slits in the bed clothes. Some correspondences, for example, the one about the capabilities and complement of the Greek trireme, have added to the sum of knowledge as well as the gaiety of the nation.

How shall we survive without obituaries of eastern potentates who in exile and old age became obsessed with zip fasteners, and could be observed parading along the Promenade des Anglais dressed overall in zips? What shall we do without the crossword? *The Guardian* has the next best crossword, but it does not have the familiar whimsies, or the fetishes about Alice and Hamlet. Edmund Akenhead, the learned and mischievous crossword editor, once said with a devilish gleam in his eye that his favourite clue was a word of seven letters with no clue at all, to which the solution was "missing".

O come back soon, beloved *Times*. Life is not going to be the same without you.

Philip Howard

War and peace and a happy shop

On April 26 this year Mr M. J. Hussey, chief executive and managing director of Times Newspapers Ltd, wrote to the general secretaries of unions represented at New Printing House Square about the unofficial industrial disputes which were crippling the company. It was a sombre letter.

About 7.7 million copies of *The Times*, its supplements and *The Sunday Times* had been lost in the first quarter of 1978 at an estimated loss of £1,750,000 in profits. The point of irreparable damage was rapidly approaching, and urgent discussions were required (see box). All negotiations had to be completed by November 30, 1978.

Mr Hussey concluded: "I have to tell you that it is the firm decision of the board of Times Newspapers Ltd that, if it is not possible to negotiate a joint approach to resolve these problems and if disruption continues; publication of all our newspapers will be suspended. Suspension will last until we are wholly satisfied that publication can be re-started on a basis of reasonable staffing, efficient working and uninterrupted production."

The implications were ominous, but nobody should have been surprised. Apart from the loss of copies, hardly a day had passed without some kind of disruption and damage to the paper. The quality of *The Times* had deteriorated, and its reputation and authority were threatened.

Readers complained about the typographical errors, but their irritation could not be measured against the dismay and frustration of men and women dedicated, and sustained by tradition, to producing a newspaper of excellence. Whatever their disappointments, and their own financial worries after three years of pay restraint, they had taken pride in giving of their best.

Even those who subsequently questioned the wisdom of the management's determination to reach agreement by November 30, or resented being penalized for trouble not of their making, generally agreed that the situation had become impossible. Something had to be done if *The Times* was to survive and prosper.

Industrial disputes, unofficial or otherwise, are a fairly recent phenomenon for *The Times*. It had long been a happy shop, and pride of craft and paper was evident in the composing and machine rooms as well as on the editorial floor.

The staff had invariably responded in times of crisis. The paper was got out even when Printing House Square was bombed during the blitz, and of course production continued throughout the General Strike of 1926.

Journalists treasured memories of happy cooperation between writer and printer, as indeed did many production men. For instance, the birth of the present Queen was announced in the early hours after the editorial staff had gone home, but some men cleaning up in the composing room telephoned the night editor at home, and then remade the main page.

Many years ago I was required to assist the night editor before going overseas as a foreign correspondent. Apparently the idea was that I should learn about the serious side of newspapers before gallivanting about the world on an expense account.

I was left in charge one night when a number of big stories broke just before the first edition was to be printed. Regretfully I flapped, but one of the stonehands in the composing room said: "Don't flap, son. We'll take care of it."

Despite the impression left by some recent television programmes, that pride of craft and paper is still much in evidence. It explains why foreign correspondents such as Mr Robert Fisk brave shot and shell in dangerous places; why the head printer, Mr George Vowles, and his men can still set 360,000 words, more than the equivalent of Tolstoi's *War and Peace*, every night, six nights a week; and why drivers can still risk breaking their necks, and perhaps a few minor traffic regulations, to deliver the paper on time.

As the probable suspension of publication approaches, it is necessary to remember that the vast majority of the men and women actually involved in getting out *The Times* are still united in this great enterprise. They regret the damage done to the paper and remember the days when the only industrial disputes were those reported by the labour staff.

They are not so far distant. *The Times* was published without interruption for 170 years, from January 1, 1785, to March 26, 1955, when with other newspapers it was struck for a month by maintenance engineers. Other strikes, some of a political nature, followed, but the first occasion when *The Times* was not published because of an internal dispute was July 28, 1971.

Eight complete issues were lost in the first quarter of this year, and insidious production delays were no less damaging. The night production manager reported 50 such incidents.

For instance, on February 15 he reported that because of a dispute in the composing room, and with the readers, the chapel refused to handle the make-up of display advertisements. The size of the paper was reduced from 28 to 20 pages, and some pages appeared with blank spaces.

On March 8 the 36-page issue was cast on the only one autocaster available because of an engineers' dispute. Proof return was slow and 246 galleys were taken to the stone uncorrected. Wholesalers were served up to two hours late. 22,738 copies were lost.

On March 25 No. 6 press did not run. Engineers refused to clutch in the press because, they said, day engineers were understaffed; 37,684 copies lost. In the words of the chief publisher: "The run as a whole was a disgrace."

Industrial indiscipline, an unofficial letter the management had sought urgent discussions with the general secretaries of the unions. For instance, on June 29 the late arrival of blocks from the process department delayed many pages. Many pages were sent to the foundry uncorrected. At 9.20 p.m. there were 136 proofs still to come and at 9.45 pm a total of 104. Deliveries were badly disrupted, and wholesalers were served up to 90 minutes late; 14,014 copies were lost.

This industrial warfare, as I tend to think of it in darker moments, is terribly damaging because a newspaper is so vulnerable. Unlike a car plant, which can build up stocks and, if they are exhausted during a strike, can hope to catch up when production is resumed, nothing is more unsaleable than yesterday's newspapers. Perishable products such as milk and bread can be kept for a day or two, but not newspapers.

The vulnerability explains some of the curious practices in Fleet Street which horrify trade union leaders in other industries. To their credit, the production men of *The Times* rarely participated in the past. Their loyalty was to the paper until it was eroded by developments in recent years.

1. **The common purpose will be the absolute continuity of production. All arbitrary restrictions will be lifted. No unofficial action will be taken. Dispute procedures and current agreements will be honoured. Overtime will be worked as necessary to maintain full and uninterrupted production.**
2. **We negotiate a fast-acting and effective disputes procedure.**
3. **We negotiate, in consultation with union representatives, a general wage restructuring. This will be based on new technology and systems, and on efficient manning levels in all departments. A considerable improvement in earnings and conditions could accrue, but only on an agreed basis of savings shared between the staff and the company. Special attention during this exercise will be devoted to the particular concerns of the lower-paid.**
4. **We have already stated, and confirm now, that no compulsory redundancy will arise from the introduction of the new technology systems.**

These included rivalries between unions which vied with each other to improve wages and conditions for their members. This was matched by rivalry between some Fleet Street proprietors who vied with each other to improve circulation and advertising. *The Times* was not one of those rivals and also could not escape the sequences.

There was also considerable [illegible] in Old Printing House Square, unwarranted but understandable, when the owner of *The Times* passed to Thomson Organization. It appeared that the [illegible] New Printing House Square, where the practices and traditions of the house and *Sunday Times*, were to be [illegible] rather different.

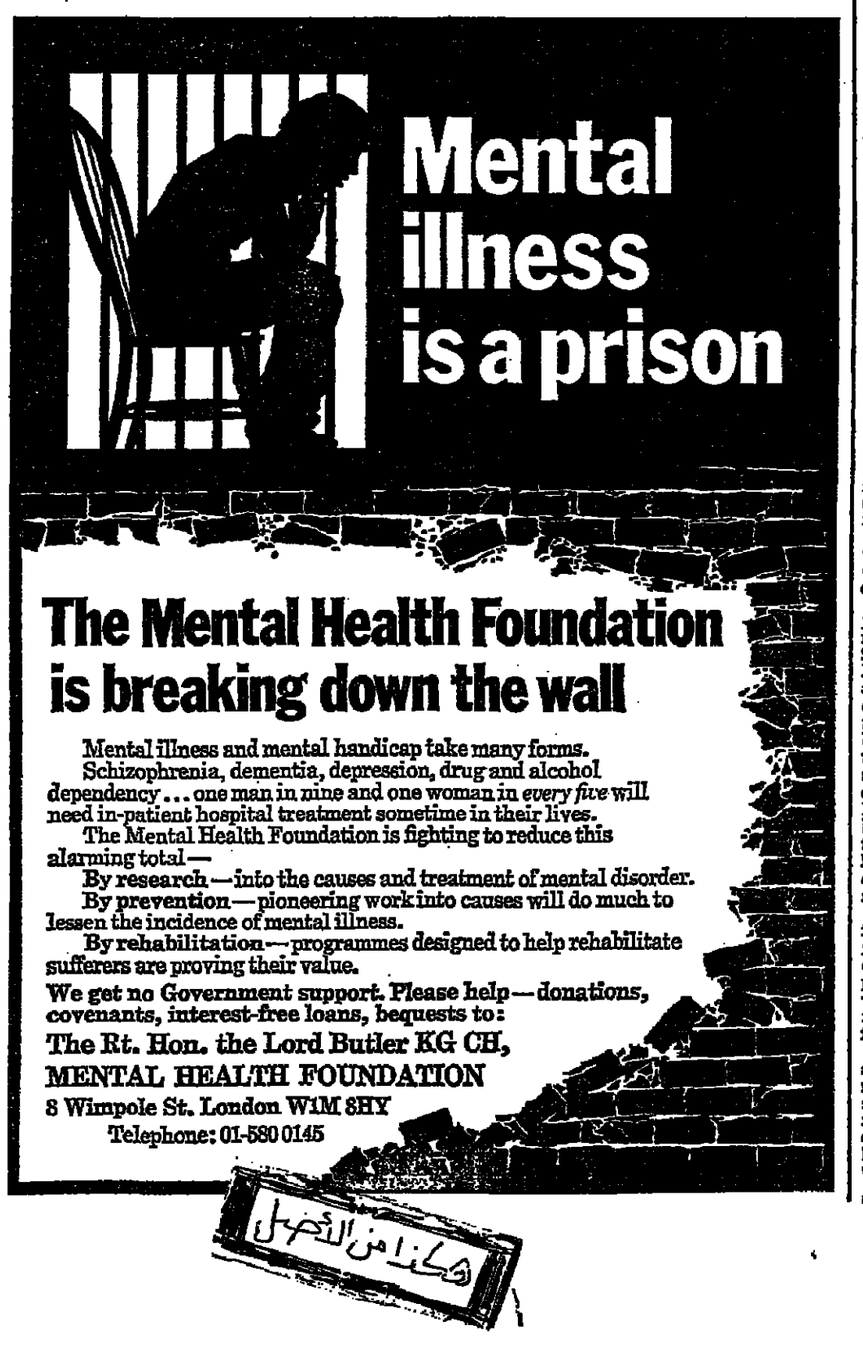
Inflation and wage [illegible] caused havoc throughout British industry, but printers felt that they were among the [illegible] times when their treasured [illegible] were eroded. [illegible] the economics behind the printed word must give way to television did not help [illegible] new technology, photocomposition, threatens the craft as well as the livelihood of [illegible] positors.

As the son of a *Times* [illegible] I can understand their [illegible] hension, but the future of the paper is at stake. [illegible] no individual will suffer redundancies will be voluntary and the benefits of [illegible] management are estimated to be worth £4m a year. [illegible] sum of £5.6m is also to be [illegible] into the pension funds, which will increase pensions by a quarter.

Holidays are to be six weeks a year, and sick pay is greatly improved: 12 months' full pay in any 18-month period. Salaries and wages will be increased when the final agreement is reached. Redundancy payments will be generous: for instance, an employee earning £100 a week and with 20 years' service will be offered £[illegible].

We may have to suspend publication until agreement is reached, but *The Times* will return with a better newspaper when it does return.

Louis H[illegible]



LEAPMAN IN AMERICA

Just before the start of the present General Assembly session, delegates at the United Nations enjoyed one of their periodic bouts of complaining about New York and what a hardship it is to live here. At a meeting of the committee on relations with the host country, they cited the noise, the dirt, the shortage of parking spaces, the danger of violence and the rudeness of the natives.

What is surprising is that they failed to mention the city's most widespread scourge of all: the cockroach.

They are everywhere: not just in the old, crumbling tenements of Brooklyn and the South Bronx, but in the newest luxury apartments. We live in a modern apartment complex, on an island between Manhattan and Queens, which was built only three years ago. Yet the cockroaches must have swum the river or crawled over the Queensborough Bridge, or they must have been there already, waiting for the buildings to go up. For we have roaches the way nearly everyone in the city has roaches—pervasively.

They do not do much specific harm. They can carry germs and taint food, but their chief effect is to give an impression of uncleanliness, which householders find shaming rather than actively harmful.

There are hundreds of substances for control of cockroaches on the market. It is such big business that the maker of one of the products can afford to get the pricey Mohammad Ali to star in television advertisements.

None of the products is effective in eliminating the pests entirely. In a recent column, I described a journey I took round the country to look at America's achievements in conquering space, harnessing the sun's energy and so forth. It is ironic that a nation boasting so advanced a technology has so far failed to conquer the humble cockroach.

They provide a lively topic of conversation, as neighbours swap the secrets of their latest control methods. The other day the people in the apartment next to ours revealed excitedly that boric acid had done the trick for them.

We had noticed they had been doing something, because the pests had swarmed through to our side of the common kitchen wall, where we use chemical warfare of a less sophisticated kind. Word spread fast, because when we went to buy some boric acid from the chemist, he had run out.

From time to time the managers of our building decide they must tackle the scourge. They send alarming notes reading: "Your apartment will be exterminated on October 19." We empty our cupboards and the men come spraying a powerful insecticide.

Last time they came while we were out and left a stark sign, in thick black capitals, announcing: "Exterminator was Here". This may have been an attempt at psychological warfare but they had forgotten that roaches do not read well, and their number did not dwindle noticeably.

Of products available in the shops, the spray cans seem to be effective if you score a direct hit on a roach with the spray (or indeed with the can, although this is less scientific). In theory, the roaches are also meant to die if they walk through a sprayed area.

Then there is a small flat tin full of a substance which looks like breadcrumbs. You punch holes in the sides and the roaches crawl through, eat the bait, and then supposedly go away and die. They certainly seem to like it: they frolic in the stuff and scatter it all over the cupboards, but there is no way of checking whether it works.

The newest product to reach the market has the same drawback. It is called roach tape. Every packet has dozens of bits of sticky black tapes, like insulating tape, some two inches long, which you stick at strategic centres—the edge of dishwashing machines, under sinks, inside drawers and cupboards.



They are supposed to have a long-term lethal effect on all roaches that make contact with them. Although it gave me a pleasing sense of power to stick them in place, there was no visible reduction in the infestation.

That is why the devices I like best are the sticky traps, which work on the same principle as the fly papers we used to suspend from the kitchen light when I was a boy. They are boxes with glue on the bottom. The roaches scamper inside, sometimes attracted by a built-in scent, and they cannot escape.

One drawback is that the boxes are all decorated strikingly with their brand name and a description of their purpose. Householders who shame easily will be almost as shamed by having one of the boxes on display as by having a roach crawl across the floor. They should come, like explicit sexual material, in plain wrappers.

With these, at least, you have the satisfaction of being able to undertake a body count. To those offended by the piling up of roach bodies in a little box, I would only respond that a dead roach is to be preferred to a live one.

The cleanest system so far devised is a high-pitched wailing, inaudible to [illegible] which is said to deter roaches and rats by jer[illegible] their antennae. Though [illegible]ular with the authoriti[illegible] such places as Spain and [illegible]ezuela, they were turned [illegible] by New York City b[illegible] there was no guarantee [illegible] when the noise stopped [illegible] pests would not return.

Not everyone responds [illegible]atively to cockroaches. [illegible] most famous attempt to [illegible] them literary respect [illegible] was made by Don Marqu[illegible] twe[illegible]en the wars, with his [illegible] and Mehitabel verses.

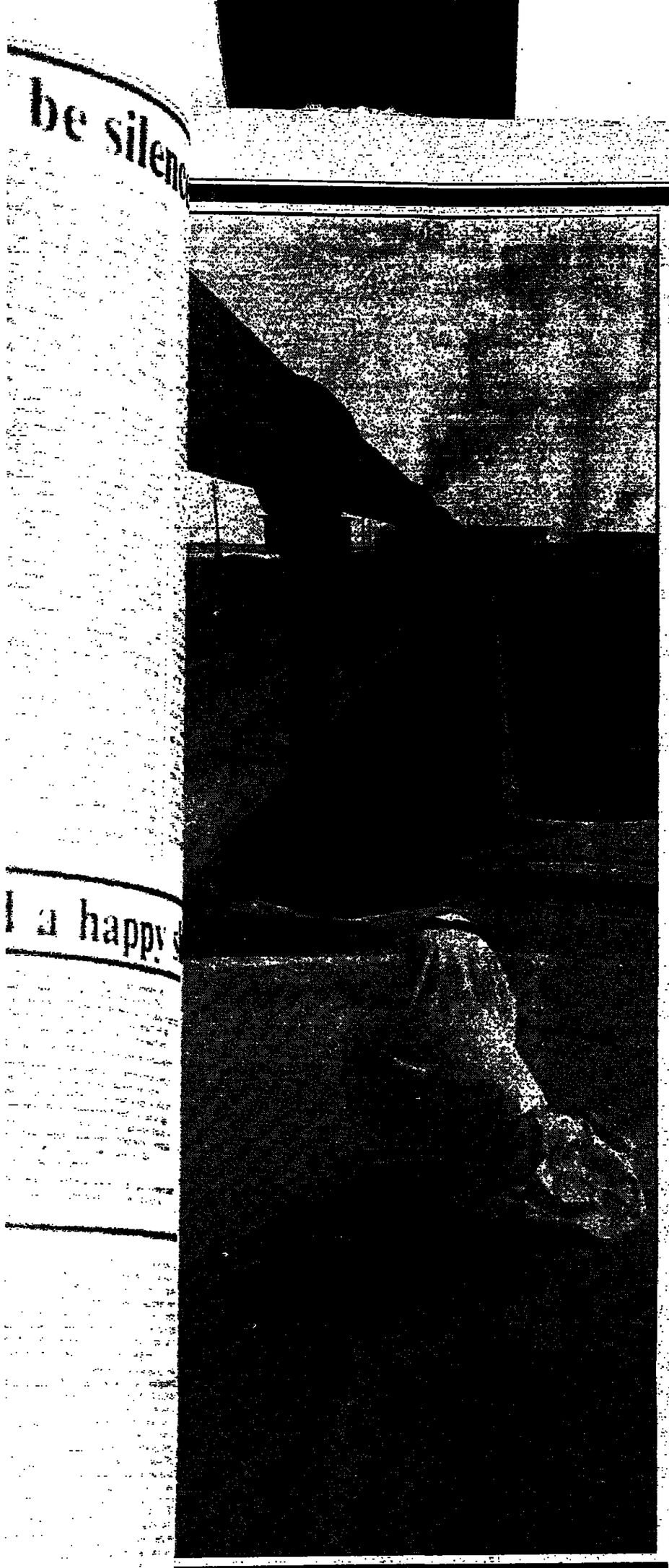
These were purpo[illegible] written by Archy, a cock[illegible] who formed the letter[illegible] jumping up and down o[illegible] typewriter keys. In doin[illegible] he wove charming tales [illegible] adventures with Mehitab[illegible] cat.

A more modern enthus[illegible] Dr Betty Farber, an ent[illegible]gist who spends many [illegible] observing the collectio[illegible] roaches at the Museum o[illegible] ural History in New York.

"People are revoked [illegible] fascinated by cockroaches [illegible] said in an interview [illegible] *People* magazine. "They [illegible] them with characteristic [illegible] beyond what they have. [illegible] have a clean house, you [illegible] have a clean roach."

It is probable that a [illegible] chemicals and sticky stuf[illegible] loyed against the pests [illegible] for a greater health [illegible] than the creatures them[illegible] respond that a dead roach is to be preferred to a live one. Yet they look so despicab[illegible] trying to sell the concept [illegible] clean roach, Dr Farber h[illegible] uphill struggle.

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Insurance in the Arab World

a Special Report on a dramatically growing market which carries heavy risks

Only a trickle of milk and honey

by Richard Allen

The roots of the insurance industry in the Middle East go back as far as the nineteenth century. But as with most Arab world development stories the significant historical starting date can be seen to be as recent as 1973. Since the October war of that year, the subsequent oil embargo and steep rise in fuel prices, the Arab economic "explosion" has resulted in most insurance development being loaded into five dramatic years.

Estimated total premium income throughout the Arab world shot up from less than $600m in 1973 to $900m by 1975 and subsequently to more than $1,500m last year. This growth is expected to reach well over $3,000m by 1980.

Most spectacular growth has been seen in the so-called oil surplus countries such as Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, where a premium total of less than $100m in 1974 is expected to increase up to tenfold by 1980.

However, this level will be exceeded by non-surplus countries such as Algeria and Iraq, which are able to invest all their income in rapid industrial diversification, and where premiums are expect to leap from less than $300m in 1974 to more than $1,500m by 1980.

Similarly rapid economic development by densely populated non oil-producing countries such as Egypt, Sudan and Syria, partly financed by assistance and investment from the oil surplus states, points to premiums more than trebling from a 1974 level of about $350m to about $1,000m in six years. There has, however, so far been nothing like the flow of milk and honey that the insurance markets of the developed world once expected. Although providing world insurance with its biggest growth area, the Middle East has also proved the most hazardous, and in recent years the most fiercely competitive.

Fears in the London market, which has the strongest traditional links with the region, about the dangers inherent in underwriting potentially massive and unevenly spread risks were heavily emphasized in 1975, when a huge blaze at the Khorramshar oil refinery on the Gulf coast of Iran cost insurers about $80m.

In 1976 the underwriters had to disburse nearly $175m as a result of a fire at a customs area on the Iran border with Russia. More recently, refinery disasters such as the explosion at the natural gas liquefaction plant at Umm Said in Qatar, have led to bills of more than $70m.

Losses of this size, growing anxiety over the vulnerability of oil and petrochemical projects, as well as a series of lesser construction disasters, meant that London insurers were casting a jaundiced eye over the region even before more recent problems of "capacity" came to a head.

In the early 1970s, despite nationalistic moves by various governments and the establishment of up-to-date pool systems by the General Arab Insurance Federation (GAIF), which was itself formed in 1968, the indigenous market could provide only a small part of the region's insurance requirements.

Despite the expansion of domestic markets to a level at which an extremely high proportion of direct insurance requirements could be provided locally, it has been estimated that before 1976 as much as 80 per cent of business eventually went to overseas markets through reinsurance. A high proportion of this came to the London market, and Lloyd's in particular, with perhaps up to half the total moving back to other overseas markets.

London's dominance however began to wane, partly as a result of the 1975-76 sterling crisis, when the insurance markets of Germany and Japan were taking adventurous expansionary steps.

Sterling's battering made a huge dent in the asset-backing of British groups, reducing the overall capacity to cover new risks. The gap was quickly filled by companies operating against the background of strong domestic currencies.

More recently the capacity of both private and government-controlled companies has increased substantially, with the result that the net amount of business actually finding its way out of the area has dropped markedly.

The fierceness of present competition is shown by the fact that Dubai, whose economic significance rests largely on its strategic position as a major Gulf port, now accommodates representatives of no fewer than 53 insurance companies.

The growing capacity problem has been brought to attention by reports that the five principal treaty pools established by GAIF have been expanding faster than premiums have been growing. Latest statistics from the Arab Engineering Pool, for example, show that overall accommodative capacity more than quadrupled between 1975 and 1977, while premium growth remained almost static.

The reaction of the pool administrators has been to try to ensure that Arab companies joining the pool do not accept business without bringing business to it.

British insurance brokers who once operated a fairly heavy one-way traffic of premium business to the London market have discovered that domestic capacity growth has had two significant effects.

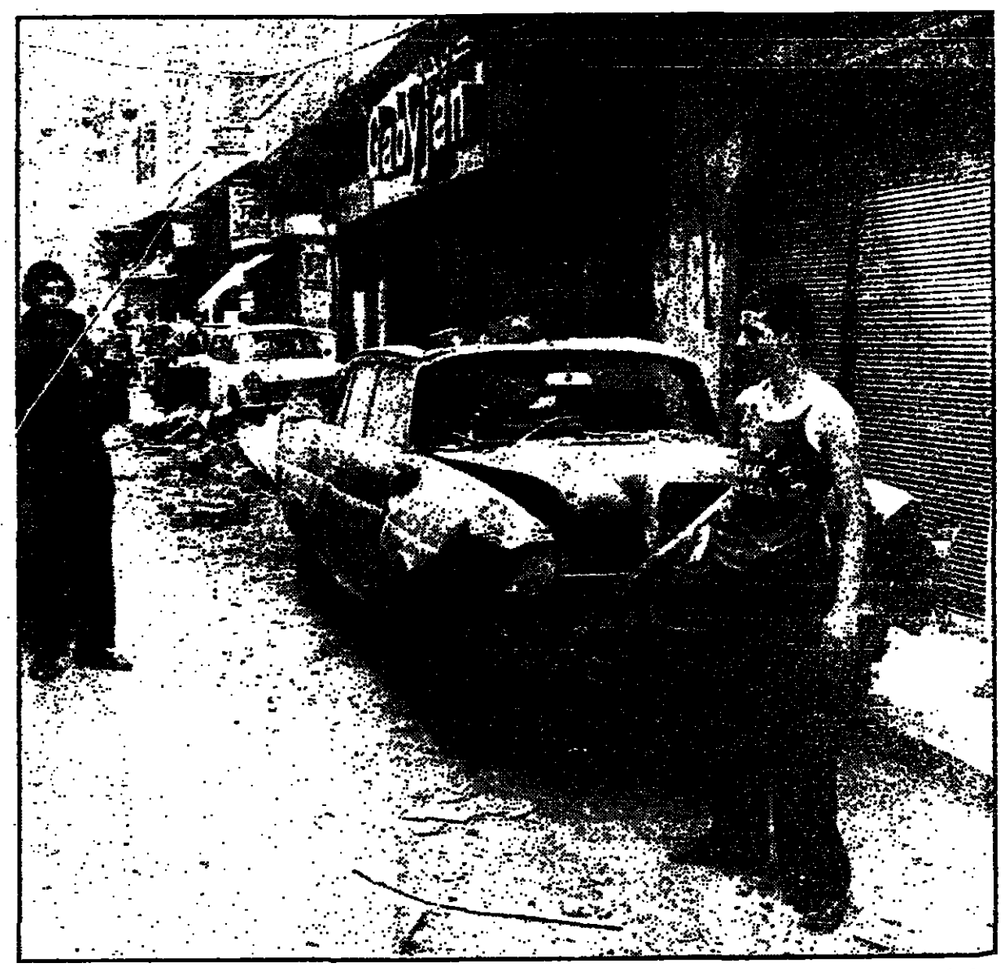
First, private and state companies with which they operate are increasingly prepared to pass reinsurance to other markets only on a quid pro quo basis, and the broker concerned invariably has to supply premium income from another source to the Arab company in order to handle the initial reinsurance requirement.

Second, fierce competition has driven rates, particularly in construction and marine insurance, to such low levels that cautious underwriters in big markets such as London are not even prepared to consider some high-risk projects.

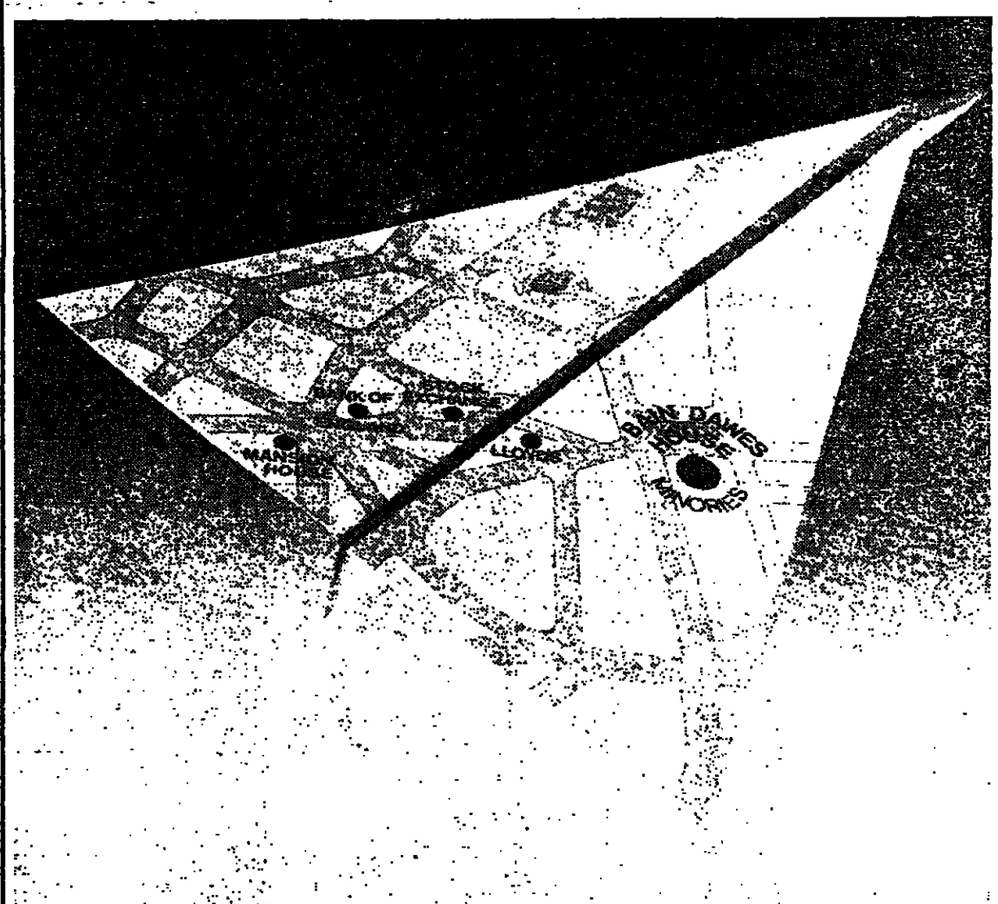
Despite cut-throat competition, leading British brokers such as Stewart Wrightson and Bland Payne, who can offer unparalleled technical services, still see the Arab world as offering huge potential.

British intermediaries in general, however, are finding that an increasing amount of business they handle is being placed with Arab companies. For British underwriters Middle East insurance has not proved to be anything like the treasure trove that many once believed.

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After the chaos, calm : above, a legacy of civil war in Beirut's Jour Hammud district ; and, left, contemplation at the Ras Tannurah oil refinery in Saudi Arabia.



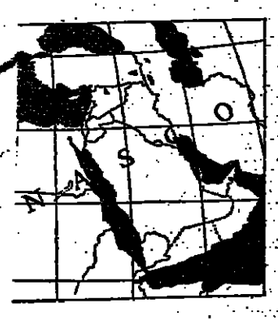
Total Premiums in Arab Countries (estimates for 1977-78)

Country	Premium (US$)
Saudi Arabia	300m
Algeria	170m
Morocco	150m
Iraq	150m
Egypt	140m
Libya	100m
Kuwait	80m
Tunisia	65m
United Arab Emirates	50m
Syria	35m
Jordan	25m
Sudan	20m
Qatar	15m
Lebanon*	10m
Somalia, Oman, North Yemen, South Yemen, Mauretania	under 10m each

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Easy marriage of pragmatism and principle

by Nicholas Hirst

It is one of the paradoxes of the Middle East that Saudi Arabia, the largest oil producer in the world, is forbidden on religious grounds from having its own insurance market.

But that strict interpretation of the Koran has not prevented a thriving business from developing. Pragmatism and principle have made an easy marriage through a simple device: insurance companies operating in Saudi Arabia are registered offshore.

Offshore registration, however, and the lack of official recognition of an insurance market can bring their own problems. Oil-related insurance in the Middle East has grown as the revenues of the countries have increased and as projects of frightening size and risk have got under way.

Competition in such markets has been intense and rates have not always been sufficient for the risk.

As projects have become bigger so the balance of business has altered. Whereas a few years ago risks came, say, in $300m tranches, now they come in slices of $1,000m. On cash terms oil-related risks grow every year but the number of risks written do not necessarily grow at the same rate.

At the same time the crisis of 1973 has inspired nationalization of oil production throughout the region. This has put strains on the technical manpower of the indigenous companies. In Saudi Arabia insurance experts estimate that there may be a shortage of between 5,000 and 7,000 mechanical maintenance workers. Saudi has a severe manpower problem. It is an underpopulated country with vast wealth and some of the largest engineering projects in the world.

Yet it has been a large producer for so long that much of the equipment was installed up to 20 years ago and needs regular attention.

By the end of this year the Saudi takeover of the Aramco consortium of American companies operating there should be complete, but the process of Saudi takeover of the operations by nationals has been going on for some time. The Aramco partners still technically have a 40 per cent interest in the Saudi company, but arrangements for the 100 per cent takeover are to be backdated to 1976 and effective control has passed.

For 20 years the Aramco interests were insured with American underwriters. Then a London oil pool took it over. In the past 18 months there have been three important losses. What seemed a good risk for the London companies such as Commercial Union, Sun Alliance and General Accident, which are part of the pool, no longer looks so attractive. An $11m annual premium has had to suffer losses so far of $150m. For the brokers it is all good business, but the underwriters can catch a cold.

When insurance is placed with the London or American markets there can be no fears that all risks will not be covered, but there are unscrupulous operators and the worry is that a risk could be written which will fail to have adequate reinsurance.

Oil insurance in Saudi is achieved through a local sponsor or local business agent. The unusual insurance contracts are thrown out of the window. A construction company cannot necessarily place its risk through its usual links to the international market, the companies it knows and has dealt with before. It will have received its contract through a local sponsor and that sponsor is likely to have insurance links of his own. The insurance will go where directed.

Rates are going down because of competition but links through sponsors can provide unbalanced business for smaller operators. The prospect of an uninsured loss in a country where insurance has to be carried out through companies registered offshore does not bear thinking about.

However, there can be no doubt that for the big international groups, which may increasingly dominate business in the Middle East as projects grow, there are some attractive prospects.

Saudi Arabia is spending between $11,000m and $12,000m on a gas gathering project, there are the refineries at Riyadh and a vast oil terminal being built at Yanbo, all of which will need to be insured in the big international markets.

Whether business comes to London or goes elsewhere will depend on rates. Rates in London seem likely to rise and could become unchipeable for a time, but the strength of the oil pool should give it long-term benefits. On oil field insurance, the Americans have a long history of writing risks and undoubted skill, but British companies have specialized in writing refinery risks.

Outside Saudi Arabia there have often been vigorous attempts to build up local insurance companies. In Abu Dhabi the risks of the 60 per cent state-owned oil group must go through the local insurance companies.

Iraq has two nationalized insurance interests. Twenty-five per cent of all insurance written through the first insurance group must be reinsured through the Iraq Reinsurance Company. A similar pattern is repeated with each of the four companies operating in Kuwait.

As oil production has become a nationalized business so the insurance of it has tended to flow through national hands, but at some point the international brokers have an interest. Some reinsurance is done direct through treaty arrangements, but brokers like Bland Payne and Matthews Wrightson have local participation and through their offshoots continue to expand.

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Values outstrip expectations

by Denzil Stuart

Although Beirut has remained a flashpoint, and despite the question marks over Iran's fate, it has been a relatively peaceful year in the Middle East so far. President Sadat's olive branch visit to Israel and the subsequent reopening of peace talks betwen Egypt and Israel have done much to reduce terrorist activity. Even aircraft hijackings for political aims have shown a dramatic fall.

In spite of all this encouragement, however, there has been no discernible drop in the demand for political risks insurance.

It is not difficult to understand why. Insurance risks in the Middle East are massive and the scale of values has exceeded all expectations. No matter how peaceful 1978 may be, there is no area that presents a bigger challenge for underwriters.

Until recently, political risks cover was identified with war risks on marine hulls and cargo, aircraft, offshore drilling and production platforms. The writing of such business did not present any great difficulties for the specialists, particularly at Lloyd's which has always led the field, although the emergence of hijacking as a high risk in the Middle East and even the destruction of airliners naturally brought complications and the need for rethinking about policy wordings and cover, while new clauses for insurance policies had to be created.

Market thinking was altered radically about eight or nine years ago by the loss of Middle East Airline's fleet at Beirut, and the subsequent destruction of British, American and Swiss jets in Jordan and Cairo. But the insurance market surmounted that situation and risks such as hijacking or confiscation are now accepted.

So much for the traditional role filled by political risks insurance. More recently the emphasis has shifted to protection of foreign investment, where primary and reinsurance premium levels have reached substantial proportions, and where the Middle East is the most important single market because of the oil and petrochemical industries and the vast construction projects.

Much of this business is bound up with contract guarantees and the calling of on-demand bank bonds, but there are many associated risks for which the multinational contractor must allow. Insurance against many such risks may be available through the exporter's or contractor's national export credit scheme, and it is significant that governments are becoming increasingly involved in protection facilities.

For example, the Canadian Government's Export Development Corporation has introduced a surety programme for builders, designed to give particular support for projects in Middle Eastern and Third World countries where there might be a risk of intervention by the Government of the host country or a threat of nationalization.

Appreciation of the wisdom of adequate political risks' cover is still developing. But if there has been a growing awareness of this problem on the part of governments, there has been a concomitant growth in the ability of the commercial insurance market to supplement cover available under government agency schemes. The London market is pre-eminent in this specialized business.

A London company specializing in this market, Investment Insurance International, says that certain risks concerning overseas contracts are not covered by national schemes or else a contract may be ineligible for cover.

The London market through Lloyd's and the insurance companies can provide contract ratification indemnity, covering a contractor's expenses incurred before a contract is ratified; contract frustration indemnity, covering a contractor's out-of-pocket expenses incurred when a contract is terminated prematurely for reasons beyond his control; on demand bank guarantee indemnity, which covers the counter-indemnity given to a bank by a contractor or exporter when the bank is posting an "on demand" guarantee, bond, or standby letter of credit to a foreign government buyer; exchange transfer embargo indemnity; and "risk of loss" indemnity, which insures a contractor's liability to refund payments and pay penalties to a buyer because of a political risk.

Many contractors have to invest in considerable quantities of expensive plant and equipment which is put at risk in the Middle East; governments have been known to prevent this from being exported at the termination of the contract, or have requisitioned it for a particular use while the contract was still in progress. The insurance market can help here by insuring a contractor against the confiscation or expropriation of his equipment by government body or public authority.

It is also possible for the contractor to cover himself against being deprived of the use of his equipment should the host government refuse to allow its reexport at completion or on premature termination of a contract.

These covers available from the commercial insurance market are gradually being increased as new situations arise; for instance, there is now a market for non-payment of fees.

A subsidiary market, which insurers are reluctant to talk about, exists to cover kidnapping risks. A specialist company has been formed in London to provide survey teams to reduce risks of kidnapping or assassination of expatriate personnel, and to conduct negotiations in hostage situations. This service, when allied to the well-established kidnap and ransom insurance market in London, has met a growing requirement by companies operating or trading in the Middle East.

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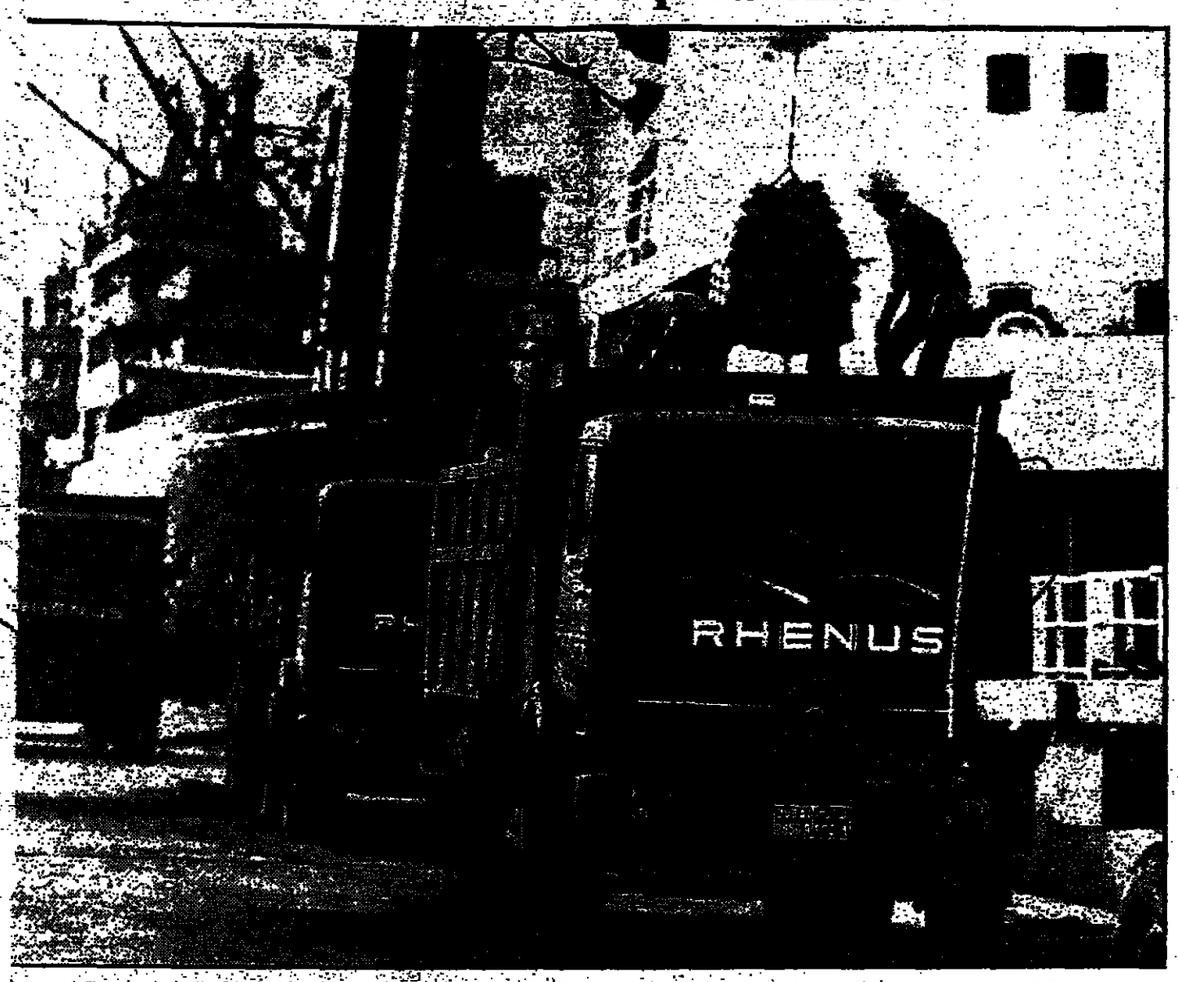
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New opportunities in marine sector but problems too



A queue of lorries on the quay at Port Rashid, Dubai.

la Ann Smith

development of throughout the st has opened a for insurance nd underwriters take the risks an almost un- ket. British firms, Lloyd's, lead their with long experience in the important Gulf states. But some brokers are venturing into other areas, like north Africa and Saudi Arabia, which traditionally have been serviced by French or American companies. Others like Bland Payne, for example, now work closely with correspondents and Arab firms in the Middle East.

Demand for both marine and aviation insurance of all kinds continues to increase dramatically, while the need to develop new insurances for combination carriers, combined land, sea and/or air transport and for the larger container and roll-on, roll-off vessels plying the intercontinental routes poses new challenges. Despite the rise of Arab businesses active in these markets, the role of British companies and syndicates remains paramount.

Last year British exports to 18 Middle East countries rose by 27 per cent to $6,100m, West Germany's exports were up 10 per cent to $9,700m, while France's showed a gain of 17 per cent to $6,500m. Japan's exports totalled $9,300m, placing it third behind the United States ($12,266m) and West Germany. The Gulf States alone are estimated to be taking up to 40 million tons of imports a year, despite the slower growth in some areas over the past 18 months.

For the world's shipping lines, which handle the bulk of these imports, the Middle East represents one of the brightest spots in an industry badly affected by depression. But competition is growing as more and more lines expand their operations to the area, and as the construction of massive new ports, including several huge container terminals, is completed.

Marine insurers in turn face new temptations to cut premiums to obtain a share of this market at a time when rates in other parts of the world are at their lowest for years and when the dry cargo and bulk trades, like the tankers, are suffering from excess tonnage.

These temptations have perhaps been felt most keenly where hull insurance is involved, as the disputes centring on the Joint Hull Committee in London have demonstrated. Many firms have consciously decided to let their business go elsewhere in the hope that shipowners who resort to the unprofessional underwriters will return to the more established companies and syndicates once they encounter problems in settling claims. The feeling remains that if the rate-cutting storm can be weathered, profits earned in the good years will make up for those lost in the lean ones.

Aside from rate-cutting, however, hull underwriters face other problems. Vessels brought out of lay-up need to have an adequate survey taken before they start sailing again if claims for damage suffered while they were out of service are to be avoided.

But a far more important problem concerns the rapidly changing nature of dry cargo shipping to the Middle East and the introduction of new generations of container and roll-on, roll-off vessels as well as giant ocean-going barges. Use of these more modern ships and vessels accelerated during the time of heavy port congestion in the area in the mid-1970s and after the reduction of surcharges in January 1977 on vessels using the Suez Canal.

A modern container ship can entail an investment of millions of pounds: Ellerman Harrison's City of Durban launched a year ago, cost £60m. Reinsurance to spread the risk is now a necessity for most hull underwriters. For cargo insurers, the introduction of refrigerated containers also poses problems in terms of congestion and delay. Although to reduce risks container units are sealed before loading (as opposed to conventional handling methods), owners of these vessels need more coverage for possible damage to port facilities from cranes and other unloading equipment carried on board.

Providing competitive rates for third party and collision liability on both container and conventional ships docking at recently opened ports can set a challenge for the most experienced broker.

In the aviation sector, the Middle East represents a potential area of unparalleled opportunity. American consultants Frost and Sullivan estimate that international air freight traffic to Saudi Arabia, Iran, the Gulf states and Jordan will rise by 20 per cent or more a year over the next three years. Air passenger traffic to these countries is expected to rise even more dramatically: 30 per cent for Saudi Arabia, Iran and Jordan (and 20 per cent for the Gulf states) against a world average of 17.5 per cent.

Saudi Arabia's three main airports, at Riyadh, Jiddah and Dhahran, are being expanded at a cost of about £1,500m even though work on giant new ones has already begun. Other international airports are being built in Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Tehran, Baghdad, Amman and Tripoli. Elsewhere in the Middle East, new navigational aids, cargo handling equipment and warehouses are helping to reduce the risk of losses on both aircraft and freight.

The rapid expansion of Middle East airlines, while offering excellent opportunities for the insurance market, also necessitates a closer look at the dangers of air congestion and inadequate servicing.

Insurers of goods vehicles operating on Middle Eastern routes are encountering greater demand from fleet owners for coverage against third party risks, fire and theft. Steps to set up recovery services in main transit areas such as Turkey have helped to reduce risks, but problems remain due to bad roads and accidents.

The imposition of performance bonds for international road hauliers by Iraq and other countries is another big problem for fleet owners and one which can be solved only by ensuring that adequate coverage is obtained before a journey begins.

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Lucrative packages cover construction schemes

Despite the levelling of the boom which occurred after the 1973-74 oil price rises, the Middle East remains one of the most promising parts of the world for construction companies, sub-contractors and consultants. Banks continue to provide a large share of the guarantees needed for performance, bid and advance payment bonds, but insurance brokers are steadily increasing their involvement in construction as well as in the more traditional areas of contractors' all-risk, third-party liability and workmen's compensation insurance.

Spending on construction in the Middle East is expected to rise to about $26,200m by 1981 according to a study published last summer by Planecon (Overseas) Research of London. This would be an increase of about 12 per cent in real terms over spending in 1976. However, the company's managing director, Mr Winfred Richter, said this covers the cost of bricks and mortar only. The total spending on construction—including engineering, equipment and design—will be much higher.

Among the larger projects under way or on the drawing boards are the new industrial cities of Jubayl and Yanbu in Saudi Arabia, which together will cost more than £15,000m. Jubayl, until last year a small fishing village on the Gulf coast, will eventually house about 175,000 people employed in 14 big hydrocarbon-linked industries. Two separate ports, one for general commerce and the other for industrial exports, are to be built at the site along with a huge international airport.

The insurance broker Lowndes Lambert, a member of the Hill Samuel group, is handling the entire construction risk package for the industrial harbour extension, which is valued at about £500m.

Yanbu, on the Red Sea coast about 350 km north of Jiddah, will eventually house 115,000 people working in oil-refining and petrochemicals industries as well as those servicing the 1,300 km oil and gas pipelines planned to run to the coast from the fields in the eastern part of the kingdom. Both cities are scheduled to be completed by the end of 1987.

The Jebel Ali project in Dubai is another massive scheme now under way. It will include a huge aluminium smelter, a desalination plant, a steel mill, a ship repair yard, a big new port and harbour, and several smaller light industries. Houses for 400,000 people, hotels, and an international airport are being planned. Sedgwick Forbes of London, together with its Dubai representative, has arranged a package worth more than £300m for the construction of the harbour and of a village near by.

Further up the coast from Jebel Ali is Abu Dhabi's Ruwais industrial project. It is to include a large gas liquefaction plant, an oil refinery, petrochemical and fertilizer industries, and an industrial port. There are similar big projects in most of the other oil-producing states. In the poorer countries, such as Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Jordan, the recent increase in aid funds from the West, Opec and international agencies has led to a renewed demand for roads, ports and airports, housing, schools and hospitals.

Risks involved in a profitable market

The attraction of such a lucrative market must be weighed against the problems involved in drawing up a suitable financing and insurance package to avoid undue losses to contractors. Aside from the usual risks of non-payment, confiscation and currency movements, for which the Government's Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) and Lloyd's are generally willing to provide some cover, most buyers in the Middle East also require performance bonds, a guarantee—of from 1 to 2 per cent—on the tender, and maintenance bonds. Guarantees to cover the contractor's liability to a government buyer in the case of advance payment clauses can add to the cost. Although many private clients, including Aramco in Saudi Arabia, are often willing to forgo most of these guarantees, government buyers not only require these bonds, but insist that they be unconditionally subject to immediate call.

In the past a contractor could generally turn to his bank for a letter of credit covering the guarantees. The high cost of the newer projects and the introduction of legal lending limits in many countries has tended to encourage the banks to spread the risks either through syndication or by forming a consortium agreement with other banks. This has meant that a contractor often is subject to investigation both regarding his financial status and his ability to perform.

The banks have found it necessary to raise their charges for this service. This has opened the door once again to the insurance and surety companies which previously were forced to watch from the sidelines while the banks took the lion's share of the market.

Moves by Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States to relax their laws requiring bank guarantees have furthered this tendency, but insurers still face the problem that the bond can be called on demand.

A plan mooted two years ago to form a pool of banks, surety companies and insurers under the auspices of the ECGD has been abandoned, partly because of disagreements over the Government's role. Despite some improvement in the EGCD bonding scheme, contractors still regard their coverage as inadequate, particularly since the ECGD can turn to the contractor to recover the cost should an on-demand bond be called. This means that many contracts which might otherwise go to British companies are lost to suppliers on the Continent or in the Far East where government-backed guarantees and other financial support is often more comprehensive.

For British contractors, signs that many Middle Eastern governments are reviewing their bond requirements will be welcome news. In particular, proposals that government clients agree to international arbitration before calling in a bond are meeting increasing official support. Negotiations are also well advanced on proposals by a joint team from the World Bank and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to set up a multi-lateral insurance scheme. This would cover losses now regarded as uninsurable by commercial companies and many government agencies, such as defects discovered during the commissioning of a plant or compensation for lost production.

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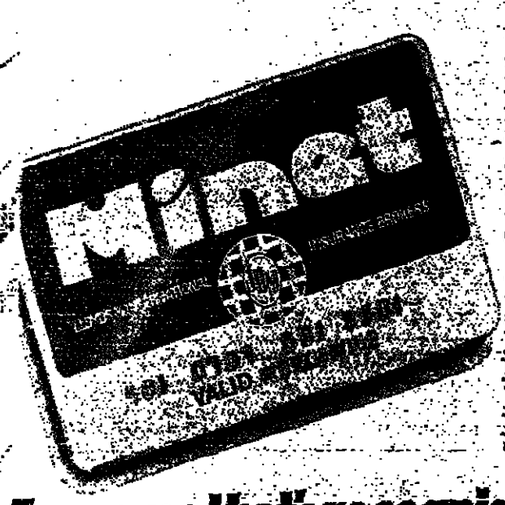
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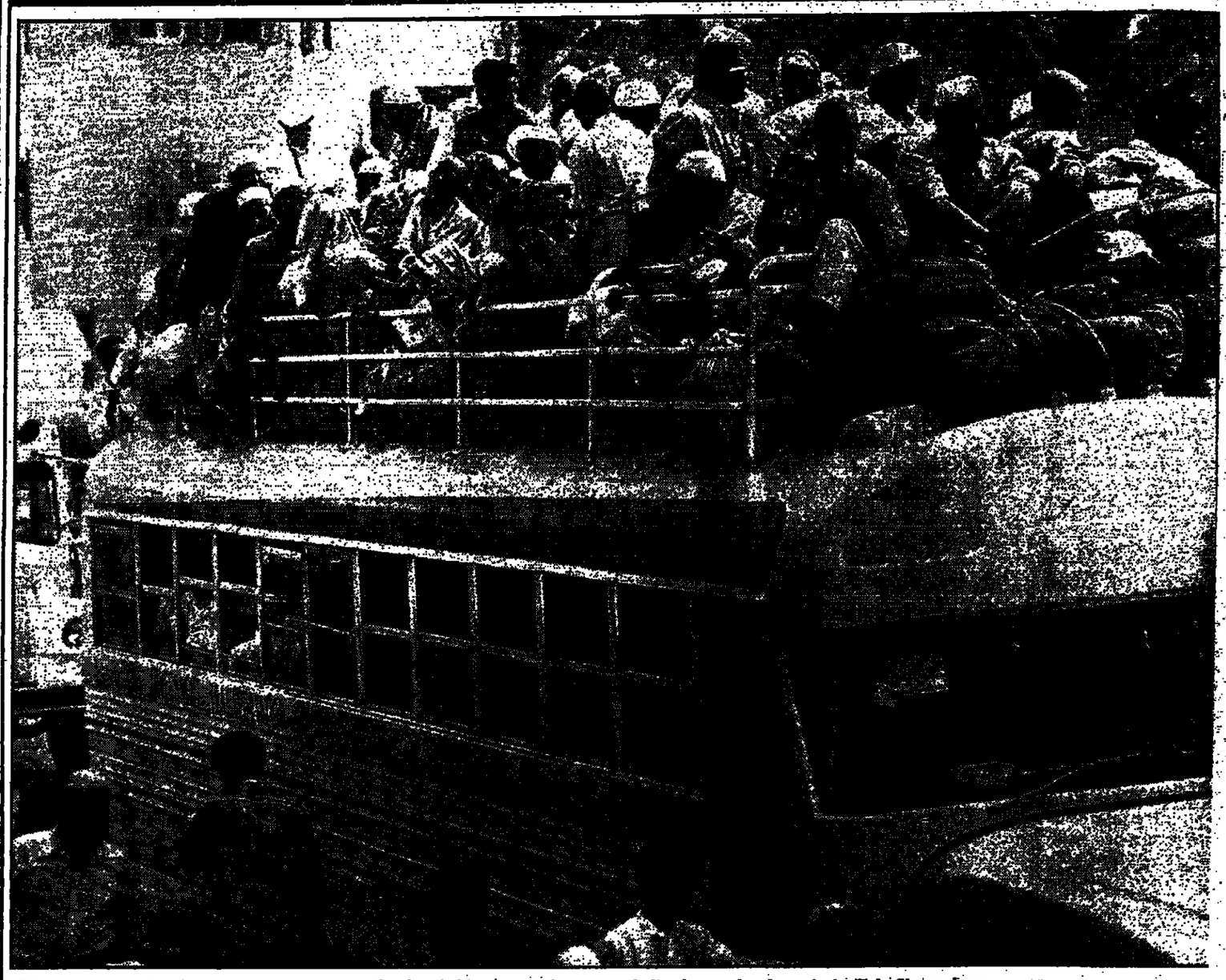
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Underwriting the risk of inevitable disaster

by Michael Prest

One morning in April last year reinsurers in London heard rumours of a fire or an explosion in Qatar. After a few moments of confusion in which they consulted maps to determine that Qatar was indeed the small, oil-rich emirate on The Gulf they thought it was, the insurance men scurried to their telex machines to discover more.

They were out of luck. The Qatar Government had declared a complete news blackout, and the Qatar Insurance Company, through which the business had been placed, was under pain of death to say nothing. They were out of luck in another respect too. The accident was no mere fire. As information leaked out it became clear that an entire natural gas liquefaction plant at Umm Said, the industrial complex of Qatar's east coast, had been destroyed. The loss was put at $75m, and to this day the site is a restricted area.

It was the first big insurance loss of its kind in The Gulf, and was seen by some insurance men as an unwelcome foretaste of things to come as projects grew bigger, more complicated, and more costly. Another even more important point was raised, however. Was the Arab market, both in the region and outside, doomed to be out of step with the region's economic development?

Qatar was, and is, a peculiar case. The Qatar Insurance Company, run by an ebullient Syrian, Said Mutawa, has a near monopoly of insurance business in the country, and dominates government business. The company must, therefore, spread its risks outside the country, and a lot of the reinsurance goes to London through its associate, Minets. But Qatar also typifies in some respects the problems faced in developing their insurance markets by the smaller countries of the Middle East.

A small population—coupled admittedly with considerable purchasing power—cannot support more than a handful of native insurers, even if no foreigners are also in the market, without running the risks of cut-throat competition dangerous to both the company and the client. The example of Lebanon's high casualty rate among small insurers is still vivid.

The argument does not apply to the same degree with much bigger countries such as Iraq or Syria, or with countries with long-standing insurance organizations, mostly now under government control, such as Egypt. These countries all have their own reinsurance companies—in Egypt, the Egyptian Reinsurance Company, in Iraq, the internationally significant Iraq Reinsurance Company, which has a London office.

Nevertheless, even these countries thought it necessary as far back as 1964 to set up the Arab Insurance Federation which, among other moves, tried to strengthen the links between Arab countries in providing reinsurance. The feeling was that too much business was leaving the region to international centres, and that without expanding the capital base essential to reinsurance the local industry could not develop.

After some delay several reinsurance pools were started, with the management of each pool allotted to a single country. Aviation (Egypt) and engineering (Iraq) began in 1968, fire (Tunisia) came along three years later, followed by marine cargo (Kuwait) in 1971 and marine hulls (Morocco) just two years ago.

Development pace hampered by political strife

Some progress has been made in setting up pan-Arab reinsurance companies, though the pace of development has been hampered by political differences between the federation's members. The Arab Reinsurance Company was established, with slightly unfortunate timing, in Beirut in 1972. Even less appropriate in the light of recent events was the founding in Damascus of the Arab Union Reinsurance Company two years ago by the governments of Egypt, Libya and Syria.

In theory the Arab Union Reinsurance Company should not fail to succeed. It receives by law reinsurance on 10 per cent of all the risks handled in the founding countries. In practice, however, the company does not enjoy the confidence of all Arab insurers, for whom, as with all firms in the business, certainty of payout is vital. As a consequence the Arab reinsurers are trapped in a kind of Catch 22: the members of the pools and participants in the specific pan-Arab companies do not support their own reinsurance for it to grow sufficiently fast, and at the same time because the pools and companies are not big enough they cannot grow.

This is especially true of what could be the biggest market of all, Saudi Arabia. Despite pressure from foreign companies and some Arab insurers, the Government has not enacted an insurance law. Some business goes to pan-Arab companies, often through Gulf firms such as the Bahrain Insurance Company. But most still ends up in London, Switzerland, or New York. In sharp contrast to Saudi banks, local insurance companies receive no government support, and are consequently struggling.

An ironical result of this lack of confidence by Arabs in their own institutions, or of the political and cultural obstacles to the development of the industry in the region, is that one of the aims of setting up the federation, to save foreign exchange, has been turned on its head.

With two of the most important insurance currencies, sterling and the dollar, weak, it is much more attractive for local companies to pass on risks in solid Kuwaiti dinars or Saudi riyals. The same is not true of Egypt or Syria, for example, but nor is the foreign exchange cost of reinsurance necessarily more for them than in 1964.

The real sufferers are the London reinsurers, who are handling altogether about 60 per cent of the region's reinsurance. A London firm which assumed a liability, for the sake of argument in Kuwait, five years ago, and changed its Kuwaiti dinars into sterling, would today have to pay out at least 35 per cent more in sterling to cover the cost of the claim.

An Arab reinsurer who takes on the same Kuwaiti liability through the London market is exposed to the same currency loss. One solution which has been put forward is for reinsurers to keep funds in the same currency as that in which they assume the liability.

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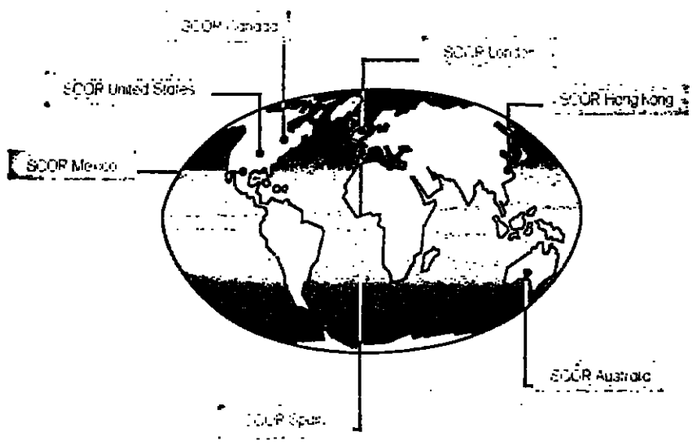
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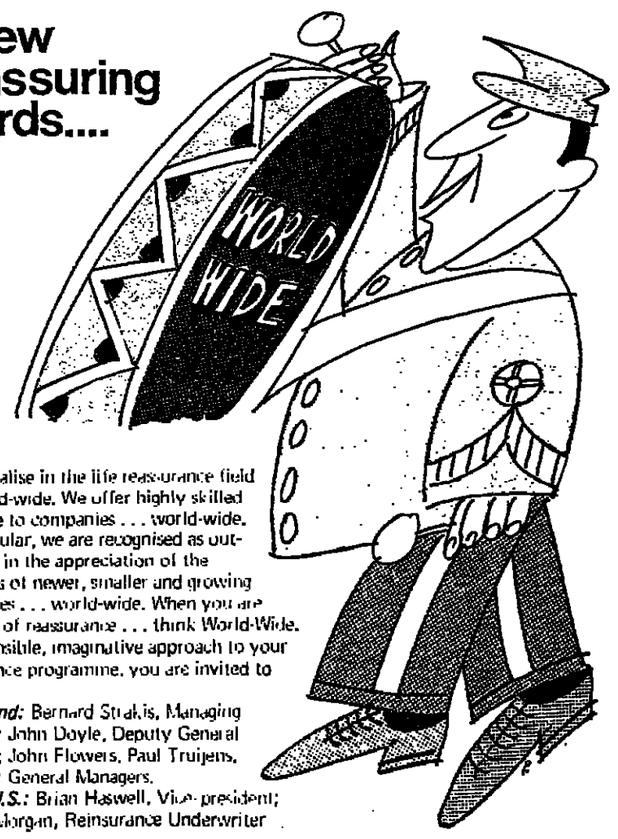
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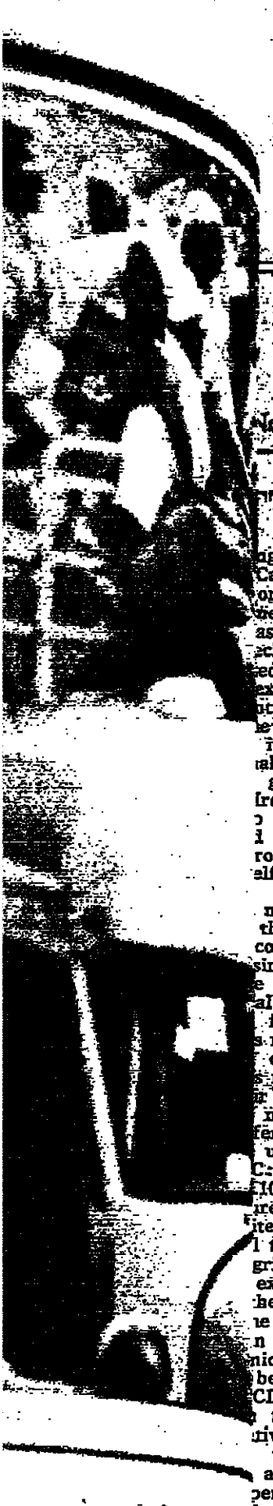
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TTING TO SEA IN A PUNT

g between Mr Lynch Callaghan in London one of the burst of eetings in European stily arranged ahead cisive "summit" on ed European Monetary ext week. The Irish t is well disposed e EMS as it is taking it has a double judge ake: will the terms it get be good enough Ireland to join without heavy an economic if sterling does not roposed exchange rate elf should Ireland still

no doubt that Ireland the political will to country has prospered since becoming a mem e EEC. The Common al Policy has enriched farming sector—Mr s recent homily on the of the Community received as stiffly in it was in Paris. Ireland net beneficiary from fers of resources as do under the operations C: the benefit in 1977 £100 a head, compared re of minus £2 a head ited Kingdom. A large l trade has opened up gricultural and mann exports, significantly he Republic's depend e British market, and n a period of export nic growth of a rapidity been quite exceptional CD countries. The busy the Continent, both tive and commercial, to a sensation of and confidence. The perceived as a Good land is politically pre o join in anything that that connexion.

spite of this eagerness ical leaders have felt o strike a note of caution. The booming Irish economy is still vulnerable, with a widening trade gap and unsustainable level of government borrowing, 13 per cent of the gross national product this year. Moreover the initial impact of joining EMS could be sharply deflationary, when the immediate prospect is already of a downturn in the rate of growth. So the position of Mr Lynch's Government is that full Irish participation in EMS is conditional upon agreement to make resource transfers in Ireland's favour sufficient to cushion the initial deflationary effect. Both his finance minister and Mr Lynch himself have been actively canvassing support for this claim among Ireland's fellow members of the EEC. They have put their requirement at £650m over the first five years, most of it coming in the form of grants not loans. The position of Dr Garret FitzGerald, the leader of the Fine Gael opposition and himself a Europeanist in the best of good standing, is that Ireland's subsidy requirement is more like £600m annually if it is also to counteract the tendency to regional imbalance that would be accentuated within the European economy by the establishment of something tantamount to monetary union.

All parties in Dublin agree that the subsidy requirement would be substantially larger if Ireland were to go right in and Britain were not, since that would entail abandoning the equivalence of the Irish pound, or *punt*, and the pound sterling—which would, it is expected, make life harder for Irish exporters in the United Kingdom market and easier for United Kingdom exporters in the Irish market.

There are also deceptive political eddies to be navigated in the vicinity of the sterling link. The Irish have taken to complaining that through the sterling link they import British inflation. That need not be denied, though the Irish have not been slow to generate their own inflation also, and it is not certain that they would have imported any less inflation if the *punt* had been afloat. A recent aggravation of this complaint has been the necessity the sterling parity has imposed on Irish banks and building societies to raise their interest rates by a big jump simply because the Bank of England put up its minimum lending rate by 2½ per cent. The sterling link is becoming unpopular, especially when it is seen as a vestige of British domination. Any Irish Government, and especially a Fianna Fail Government, would get satisfaction from snapping the link, if that could be done safely—another stage accomplished along Ireland's road to total independence.

Yet, like the internally gratifying proclamation of a republic in 1949, the fracturing of monetary union within the British Isles must be expected to have repercussions on the "national aim" of the unification of Ireland which is shared by all parties in Dublin. Mr Lynch has already alluded to this in a non-committal way. Two currency zones in so small an island can hardly be thought conducive to that aim. The insoluble problems of border control between north and south would be aggravated. The necessary introduction of exchange controls between Ireland and the United Kingdom would be administratively burdensome and a nuisance to innumerable citizens of both countries. And it would be ironic if the first effect of the EEC's march to monetary union was to dissolve it in the one place of its preexistence, the British Isles.

HIDE THROUGH THE DEBATES ON DETENTE

Vest as a whole and in particular there is emarkable amount of ent on how to deal Soviet Union. In n a whole new debate damentals is likely to around ratification of nent on the limitation ic arms—assuming the t itself can be reached. question is sometimes is whether the Soviet a cause or a country. ly old Russia in a new owing its way through with mixed motives, terests and its own confusion about itself? what it claims to be, le-minded embodiment nsistent revolutionary Many quarrelling f scholars, politicians inary folk have lost es in impenetrable f confusion while pur s question.

can now purchase the of one of the cooler and ert guides in the busi Terence Garvey, British dor to the Soviet Union 5. His new book *Bones ntion: an Enquiry into t Relations* (Routledge Paul) maps a route the debate which is not new but which is seldom drawn with such concise lucidity. Rightly, he does not see the question in terms of stark alternatives. For centuries there has been a messianic element in Russian affairs. Communist ideology is only its latest manifestation. Although its prophecies lie in ruins it survives because it legitimizes the system and therefore provides the frame of reference by which policies must be explained.

This adds enormously to western confusion about détente. The Russians have to explain détente as a tactical device intended to create better conditions for the eventual defeat of capitalism. They also proclaim a set of beliefs in which ends are held to justify means. Then they show surprise when westerners take them at their word. As Sir Terence writes. "The Russians, assuming they wish to impress us with their good faith, are their own worst enemies." Their "peace programme", he writes, may be "a sheep, albeit a sturdy one and of uncertain temper, in wolf's clothing". They have in fact been driven to adopt détente largely by the failure of world revolution, the need for western technology, and their recognition of the dangers of nuclear war.

However, this provides only marginally greater reassurance than the belief that the Russians are consistent revolutionaries: "Shorn of the revolutionary magic, the Soviet Union is revealed as another large power on the make, playing politics against other large powers, keeping tight control of its western *glacis* and making predatory, but not uniformly successful, sorties into the third world when targets of opportunity present themselves."

Sir Terence joins Dr Kissinger in hoping that a web of shared interests could restrain the rivalry between East and West. Like Dr Kissinger too, he is sceptical of human rights policies which demand that the Soviet leaders knock away the props under their own system. Change will come only very gradually, he argues, and he is right. But he seems to see no more in President Carter's human rights policy than a doomed attempt to change the Soviet system. There are other dimensions to it, domestic and foreign. Among other things it has shown that the Russians can be put on the defensive in their own game of ideological struggle.

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very day, we are told, the of Ford, Sir Terence will not actually be at 4 am by State police marched to Whitehall, but be summoned to come Commissar Varley (to whom all blessings flowing out of dustrial Revolution), Com Hattersley (who exercises trol over prices) and Com Booth (who guarantees a job y man and woman wanting work). The theme needs to ined.

erence, head of one of the e most successful companies United Kingdom, will quake while he is kept waiting in Commissar's antechamber, he window commands a view a misty morning hints, the road, at the frontage of al Lubyanka jail. Suddenly r will be flung open either head of the secret police or sar Varley's personal secre ho will shout: "Cap off ght. Left, right", and march minal into the dread court sentences are inappealably ed.

mildest charge will be that ence has not kept faith with cialist or Marxist-Leninist les; the most serious that pawn of a multinational com of American origin, he is a ed enemy of the State. At e will be told that the State, has spent a lot of energy and encouraging him to develop in the United Kingdom, will now heavily punish him: all Government and local government orders for Ford vehicles will be cancelled. There is no firm evidence that Sir Terence will be tortured before he leaves, down in the cellars, though he will need no telling that he will not get a life peerage from Mr Callaghan even if he offers to foot the whole bill for the Labour Party's elections next year.

At the end of last week I had to try, under questioning, to explain Sir Terence's crime to a group of undergraduates who gave the impression of being dangerously revisionist. What, precisely, they asked, was Ford's offence against the State? Well, had he not, through CIA agents in the firm, first pretended to stand firm by the State's ukase of a 5 per cent limit in the fourth phase of incomes policy, then ruthlessly denied untold thousands of men the freedom to work and produce vehicles and then, after eight weeks of welcome losses to Ford and the balance of payments, provocatively authorized a pay increase of around 18 per cent?

The response of the students provided conclusive proof that Sir Terence's agents, probably operating under the cover of a charity called the Ford Foundation, have been actively corrupting the young. With a shocking indifference to the likely presence of the Commissar's secret police (wearing jeans and Rastafarian hairstyles) or of microphones hidden in every tankard, they violated all fact and reason by insisting that Ford did their best to fight for Commissar Healey's 5 per cent, endured an eight-week strike, lost more than £400m worth of production in Britain and abroad, and eventually had to surrender to the workers' demands to stay in business at all.

Some of the students appeared to be reading law, notoriously a dangerous discipline for the young in a truly free society and a mixed economy. They went so far as to ask, with less civility than seemed due to age, where they could find the Statute or the sections in a Statute, that made 5 per cent the law of the land. What country did they think they were living in? The Soviet Union or East Germany?

It was not enough that Premier Commissar Callaghan and Commissar Healey had spoken and defined the national interest. They deluded themselves that there should be a return to the dubious old days when Parliament settled the law. Worse was to come; and this explains why at times we must despair at the unsystematized education the young now get in free-thinking universities, though not necessarily in polytechnics.

It was suggested that if anybody had offended against the Commissar's ukase, then it must demonstrably be the Ford workers, who went on strike to force the firm into unpatriotic pay concessions. Why, then, were they not called before the Commissar's court and sternly punished? Could there not be a deduction from wages in the form of a PAYE increase in any Ford award exceeding the Commissar's conception of—no, decision on—the national interest.

Hearing such heresies, patriots must give up hope. It all proves that the people's revolution has travelled so very short a way towards the dream of social justice that will make the United Kingdom strong and prosperous and leave the people content in the certainty that Government, at least in an election year, will know their interest best. Nobody who had to choose between the judgment about the whole affair of Sir Terence Beckett on one side and Commissars Varley, Booth and Hattersley on the other could hesitate for a moment, and misguided students reading history should think twice before they tendentiously call up the past and talk about Star Chambers and the Inquisition.

After all, it would be so easy for the Commissars to make their judgment law if they wished. The Parliamentary Labour Party would not object to pronouncing Sir Terence the villain who was always determined to flout the 5 per cent limit to exploit the proletariat. Nor would the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party. Nor would the TUC.

And even some sections of the Conservative Party and the powerful one-man Pardoe section of the Liberal Party in the Commons may also reckon Sir Terence gravely at fault. Blacklisting legislation could, of course, be carried through the Commons if need be, should Parliament think that necessary. The Becketts of industry, always slow learners, need to be taught who are the masters now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The magistrates' hearing in England

From Mr David Kidner

Sir, The letter from Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (November 23) prompts me to point out that the Justices' Clerks' Society, in its evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, has repeated proposals for streamlining committal for trial procedures before magistrates which it first put forward prior to the passing of the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, the last reform of this area of the law.

Briefly, the Society's proposals envisage that a person accused of an offence triable only on indictment, or a person accused of an offence triable either on indictment or summarily who elects trial on indictment, should be committed for trial by magistrates without requiring evidence from the prosecution in any form, except as to bail.

The procedure would be: first, each charge would be read and explained to the accused; secondly, the accused would be invited, but not compelled, to indicate what his plea to each charge would be; thirdly, he would be formally committed for trial and, finally, the court would determine the question of bail and any application for legal aid for the forthcoming trial.

The time necessarily elapsing after committal and before the case could be dealt with by the Crown Court would be used for essential preparations. The first step would be for the prosecution to serve statements of evidence on the defence (perhaps vice versa also) to enable the accused to instruct solicitor and counsel. As a safeguard for the accused, the Society has also proposed that he should have the right, once committed for trial, to apply to the Crown Court for the case to be discharged on the grounds that the statements of evidence do not disclose a case to go before the jury.

The Society believes these proposals would not only save a vast amount of court time and much expense but, also, would be very much in the interests of fair trial because no prejudicial information would have been revealed by the proceedings in the magistrates' court. Furthermore, the unedifying spectacle we now have of prisoners being remanded in custody by magistrates' courts from week to week prior to committal for trial, until such time as the prosecution has been fully prepared and the necessary statements of evidence served, would no longer be a remarkable feature of our courts.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KIDNER,
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St Mary's Hall,
Coventry.
November 24.

From Mr I. S. Manson

Sir, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn in his letter published today (November 23) urges the abolition of the English system of committal proceedings before examining justices but does not suggest any kind of alternative safeguards.

In Scotland the prosecution is in the hands of Procurators Fiscal who are wholly independent of the police and private prosecutions are, in practice, unknown. In this country with the exception of the statistically insignificant number of cases dealt with by the Director of Public Prosecutions, there is no independent prosecuting body at all and although prosecuting solicitors owe a professional duty to the court they are bound by the solicitor/client relationship which exists between them and the Chief Officer of Police for their area. It follows that under the present system a decision to prosecute means in England and Wales a decision by the police to prosecute. I do not think the public would accept a direct committal for trial without the intervention of the magistrates so long as that system remains.

Whether the present problems are as grave as Mr Fairbairn suggests and whether the immediate difficulty which prompted his letter requires more than an amendment of the reporting restrictions contained in section 3 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 is, no doubt, one of the many matters which will receive consideration by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure now sitting.

Yours faithfully,
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November 23.

Nuclear power: safer than windmills?

From Professor S. F. Cotgrove

Sir, Lord Rothschild, whose Richard Dimbleby Lecture you report today (November 24), believes that opposition to nuclear energy is rooted in a faulty grasp of the facts. He argues persuasively that the risks of living within twenty-five miles of a nuclear reactor are significantly less than for other methods of providing energy including windmills, and orders of magnitude less than travelling by car. By such criteria, he believes the opposition of the environmentalists on this and other issues (such as DDT) is irrational. Indeed, he refers to them by emotive and pejorative epithets such as "ecomania" and "econuts".

In arguing thus, he has failed to grasp both the nature of the debate and what constitutes reasonable behaviour. Firstly, rationality consists in acting on the basis of a pattern of interrelated beliefs which are all relevant to an action. Beliefs about nuclear risks for both the environmentalists and their opponents are embedded in a wider pattern of supporting beliefes, which include beliefs about the extent to which we can trust in science and technology and rely on the advice of experts.

Secondly, and most important, the crux of the debate is about values, not facts. When environmentalists protest about reprocessing nuclear fuel or pollution they are protesting about a society which values economic and material goals more than quality of life and environmental protection. Nuclear power stations have for them come to have a deep symbolic significance. Their opposition stems from anxieties which go beyond technical questions of risk and safety. Above all, they are rooted in growing objections to large, remote, impersonal bureaucracies, increasing dependence on expert elites and reduced participation in the decisions which profoundly affect our lives.

By contrast, the supporters of nuclear energy believe in a society dedicated above all to the production of wealth, in which efficiency, cost effectiveness and the needs of industry are the touchstones of policy. If the environment takes a knock or two, or if society takes some calculated risks, then this is the price we pay for the pursuit of the greater good.

The acceptability of risk cannot be isolated from values. We take incalculable risks to save the life of a child. To cross the road, presumably even Lord Rothschild seeks zero risk. Where he and the environmentalists differ so passionately is for what goals, and to promote what kind of society, it is worth taking particular risks. Both are from this perspective rational.

Yours sincerely,
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Claverton Down,
Bath,

From Dr Peter Musgrove

Sir, I was perturbed to hear Lord Rothschild make some very misleading statements about the safety of windmills, in the course of his Richard Dimbleby Lecture on BBC 1 on November 23. And these statements were repeated in your columns the following day, when you reproduced part of the text of his lecture. May I correct a fundamental error?

Lord Rothschild states that the risk of death associated with harnessing wind energy is much greater than the risk of death from nuclear energy systems, though he does admit that this is a surprising conclusion which runs counter to intuition. He bases his statement on work recently published by Dr Inhaber, of the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board (see *New Scientist*, May 18, 1978, pp 444-446 and June 8, 1978, p694). However, the alleged high risk associated with wind energy results from Dr Inhaber's assumption that windmills require about 1,000 tonnes of material per mega-watt-year output.

As Dr Inhaber—and Lord Rothschild—should be aware, designs for multi-megawatt windmills have recently been produced in the United States, the United Kingdom and elsewhere and these indicate a materials requirement of only about 10 tonnes per megawatt-year output. The first of these multi-megawatt windmills will be complete and operational in the United States in early 1979. It is apparent, therefore, that Dr Inhaber has overestimated the materials requirements and hence the risk of windmills by a factor of about 100. Correcting this enormous error completely invalidates his argument that nuclear power is much safer than any of the renewable energy alternatives. Lord Rothschild's closing quotation from Spenser's "Faerie Queen": "Be bold, be bold and everywhere be bold: but be not too bold" would consequently seem rather more relevant to nuclear energy than to wind energy. Come back intuition, all is forgiven.

In little more than a generation, the brief era of energy independence that we are about to enjoy, thanks to North Sea oil and gas, will be past. We will then need all the energy alternatives that are technically and economically feasible. These include both nuclear energy and wind energy, with a mix that will depend on their respective economics, safety and availability. Can we not discuss their characteristics and potential roles without the acrimony that at present seems so evident?

Yours faithfully,
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Whiteknights,
Reading.

Higher petrol taxes

From Lord Polwarth

Sir, Lord Ballantrae (November 25), living 15 miles from two towns each with a railway station, admits that many other communities are even worse off than his. How true!

Hawick's railheads, since the Beeching axe, are now Carlisle (43 miles), Berwick (45 miles) and Edinburgh (50 miles), surely a unique if unenviable distinction for a town of 16,000 people and a major contributor to our exports through the woollen knitwear industry. The bus to Edinburgh, the regional centre, takes 2½ hours.

So it is not just a question of taking a car to go to town, but of taking a car to go virtually anywhere. The whole of the Borders, town as well as country, will be unfairly hit if the tax is switched from licence to petrol. For the Highlands the effects will be more punishing still.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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Hawick,
Roxburghshire.

Oberammergau dispute

From the Secretary General of the Board of Deputies of British Jews

Sir, Your editorial on the Oberammergau Passion Play (November 22) leaves an impression which is both inaccurate and unfortunate. May I be permitted to enlighten your readers on a number of basic issues concerning this highly emotive subject.

Firstly, the 1860 text by a priest Joseph Alois Daisenberger is anti-semitic. It is filled with statements and implications holding the Jewish people solely responsible for the death of Jesus. By contrast, the script written in 1750 by a benedictine monk Ferdinand Rosner maintains that all mankind was responsible for Jesus's death, and that his crucifixion stemmed from a plot hatched by Lucifer and his evil spirits. It is the generally held view of experts that cosmetic changes to the Daisenberger text would not alter its basic anti-semitic character.

Secondly, the strongest objections to the Oberammergau Passion Play as it is apparently to be staged in 1980, came not from Jewish but Catholic quarters.

Dr Eugene Fisher, Executive Director of the Office of Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in America, has described the Rosner script as "theologically more accurate" than the Daisenberger script, which he called a "purveyor of prejudice and injustice".

Declaring that the National Conference of Catholic Bishops had "long been concerned about Passion plays as a possible source of anti-semitic reaction", Dr Fisher added that "dramatizations of the events surrounding Jesus's death that portray Jews as such as the villains almost inevitably result in obscuring authentic Christian interpretation of the Passion, which is that all of us by reason of our sins are theologically involved in the drama".

This is very much in line with the Vatican Council II declaration which repudiated the charges against the Jewish people for collective guilt in the death of Jesus.

Thirdly, whilst it is true that the Oberammergau Passion Play "had the misfortune to be praised by Hitler" this is by no means the basis of the controversy or the reasons why Jews and Christians are so concerned. More relevant is the fact that today's neo-Nazis are strongly in support of "the traditionalists" and speak of "resisting blackmail by Zionists and atheists". When the Sturmer-like *Deutsche National-Zeitung* invokes freedom of religion it is surely time for men of good will to unite in reminding the world of the Nazi holocaust and what can happen if we fail to remember our common humanity and the joint belief of Jews and Christians in love and justice.

The Oberammergau Passion Play has become big business. In 1970 it was seen by more than half a million people from 113 countries. It is unthinkable that in 1980 an equally large audience including many young people should be exposed to primitive anti-semitism on the soil of a land drenched with Jewish blood.

To say this is not to advocate a boycott but to call for bold action by the Archbishop of Munich and if necessary the Pope himself in order to avoid, in your own words, resentment rather than reconciliation.

Yours faithfully,
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Gardens in Britain

From Lord Aberconway and others

Sir, A conference was recently convened by the Royal Horticultural Society on "the practical role of gardens in the conservation of rare and threatened plants", at which a wide range of interested organizations was represented. The purpose was to make a start on coordinating the activities of botanic gardens, nurserymen, specialist societies and amateurs in the documenting, recording, propagation and distribution of these plants.

Despite the time and care devoted to gardening in Britain, it seemed to us not to be generally realized that taxation and inflation pose a very serious threat to the survival of our larger gardens, usually labour intensive, and to their plant collections. If labour is reduced or in extreme cases dispensed with, great damage can be done in a very short space of time. Private owners through their enthusiasm and knowledge make a special contribution to plant conservation, and it is they in particular who are finding is extremely difficult to pay trained gardeners from their after tax income. Thus fewer gardeners are employed, and this at a time of high unemployment: the resulting likely shortage of skilled labour can only have a devastating effect on horticultural standards.

The Government has recognized the importance of major privately owned gardens by providing for their conditional exemption from capital transfer tax. There is an urgent need in addition for assistance with current running costs, preferably through tax reliefs or possibly through grants. We believe that owners would accept that they must provide some public benefit in return for such assistance. We welcome the recent initiative by the Historic Buildings Council in listing historically important gardens, but their remit is limited by statute to this class of garden and others of great horticultural importance may be excluded from both listing and grant aid. We suggest that the time has come either to set up a new body, possibly on the lines of the Arts Council, or to extend the scope of an existing Government body, to look after the interests of gardens and plants and to consider applications for tax concessions.

In 1979 there will be a major exhibition planned at the Victoria and Albert Museum and an English Tourist Board promotion of garden visiting. The occasion is therefore appropriate to take the vital steps necessary to ensure that Britain's priceless contribution to the horticultural world is protected and preserved.

Yours faithfully,
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Public lending right

From Mr Jack Gratus

Sir, What I find so distasteful is that those most opposed to public lending right in principle—the librarians and in Mr May's case (November 22), a bookseller—are those whose (far better) livelihoods are directly dependent upon the work of writers.

Yours faithfully,
JACK GRATUS,
17 Cunnington Street,
Acton Green, W4.

Historic warehouse

From the Chairman of the City Heritage Society

Sir, As chairman of the City of London's amenity society and a member of the City Council I think that Mr Girouard's plea for retention of the Cutler Street warehouses (November 22) is unhelpful and gives an unfair impression of what is planned there.

The Cutler Street area is one of the most depressing areas of the City and the overpowering scale of the prison-like walls of the warehouses does nothing to alleviate the depression. To expect complete conservation of these buildings is not only unrealistic on economic grounds but would, in my view, be of doubtful benefit to the City's environment.

The present scheme may not be perfect but it does offer retention of the façades and extremely imaginative refurbishment of more than half the existing buildings. It promises handsome arcaded shops which could be as good as those in the Ivory Warehouse by the Tower, attractive walks through gardens and some badly needed housing on top of the new office buildings.

The new Cutler Street could be one of the delights of the City and in my view the architects, developers, and not least the City planners who have striven for several years to achieve this kind of solution should be congratulated not castigated.

My society is all for conservation but if we insist on total preservation in Cutler Street we shall continue having an urban slum which no one will ever be able to afford to improve. Moreover, from time to time, we shall doubtless see one of these once-grand warehouses set on fire by vandals as has been happening in dockland.

Yours faithfully,
C. DOUGLAS WOODWARD,
Chairman,
City Heritage Society,
404 Gilbert House,
Barbican, EC2.

Christianity and politics

From Miss Jean Holm

Sir, It is a never-ending source of wonder to me that such an able young intellectual as Dr Edward Norman cannot see that his own (High Tory) interpretation of Christianity is no less derived from his political philosophy than is the interpretation of those Christians whom he is denouncing with such enthusiasm in his Reith lectures.

Yours, etc,
JEAN HOLM,
5 Luard Road,
Cambridge.

Mr Mugabe's list

From Mr K. J. Woffendcn

Sir, The logic used by Lord Walston in his attempt to excuse Robert Mugabe's "assassination list" (November 23) is both naive and dangerous in the extreme.

Whatever their faults, the "internal" African leaders in Rhodesia are at least trying, in good fath, to reach a peaceful and, above all, democratic solution to that country's problems. Mr Mugabe has persistently refused to even discuss any such solution, for the simple reason that his real interests and ambition (ie, a one-party Marxist dictatorship) will only be brought about by brute force rather than by negotiation and the ballot box.

His "assassination list" is perfectly understandable in this light, but that is no reason to support it, as Lord Walston does. The only hope in Rhodesia lies with a negotiated settlement. Anything which is designed to wreck this hope should be roundly condemned and it seems rather surprising that Lord Walston appears to be on the side of the wreckers and not in favour of more peaceful, civilized methods.

Yours faithfully,
K. J. WOFFENDEN,
28A Wycombe Gardens, NW11.

Bare of button-holes

From Lord Esher

Sir, This seems to have been an exclusively urban correspondence. I'm surprised that no countryman has pointed out that button-holes are not for flowers. They are for use, in association with a button under the opposite lapel, to keep the wind out: that is what lapels are for. Tailors invariably forget the button unless reminded.

Yours faithfully,
ESHER,
Christmas Common Tower,
Watlington,
Oxford.

From Ms Joy Westendarp

Sir, Surely your correspondents have overlooked one of the most important aspects of the buttonhole; the signal part it played in the recognition of someone whose face was unfamiliar. Secure in the knowledge that the traveller you were meeting at Victoria Station would be wearing a red rose, while you had indicated for yourself a white carnation, you had no fear of accosting—and being rebuffed by—a complete stranger.

Yours faithfully,
JOY WESTENDARP,
22A Aubrey House,
Maida Avenue, W2.

Difficulties of definition for mainstream Protestantism

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Dr Edward Norman's cry of "The emperor has no clothes" in his Reith Lectures is proving, as was predictable, highly agreeable at the right end of the political spectrum and extremely unpopular in the liberal centre, while those of the radical left have found something to cheer and plenty to moan about.

A careful reading of his text shows that uncritical delight is premature among those who are as equally opposed to woolly liberalism as to "state" Marxist-Leninism, because Dr Norman has displayed no trace of hot Tory indignation towards the latter, but a detached, even sympathetic, understanding.

His case is not hard to condense.

It is simply that in this age as in every other, Christianity has taken over a host of fashionable presuppositions whose origin is not religious at all, has reexpressed them in religious language, and has collected them into its system of "truths" of faith, as if they were part and parcel of the Christian message and mission.

Those who superficially agree with Dr Norman are doing so not necessarily because they share his theology, but because the particular secular ideas that Christianity happens to have adopted in the West are those they oppose.

Had Christianity taken to itself the ideas of Friedman, Hayek, Eysenck and Robert Conquest, Dr Norman's criticisms could still be made, though different groups would cheer and boo. His analysis applies as much to the churches in Nazi Germany as it does to the World Council of Churches in the present age.

For a historian who views the evidence without fear or favour, Dr Norman's approach is certainly valid even if not all his secondary detail is beyond dispute. There is, however, a deeper current running beneath his argument and occasionally coming to the surface, which betrays him as a sentimental Low Church Anglican as well as a scientific historian.

He has an assumption, which he has been coy in declaring, about the proper business of Christianity; and an assumption, about which he has not been self-critical, that Christianity can exist in a state of isolation from societies, cultures, ideologies and secular philosophical fashions. Does not any culture, whether labelled secular, Marxist, humanist or whatever, depend on unspoken, invisible assumptions about man, relationships between men (and particularly relationships between the two sexes) and between man and the Universe? And are those not basically religious assumptions? If so, are such questions not the business of Christians?

The first of his assumptions relies on the notion that there is such a thing as "Christianity", perhaps consisting of no more than a particular way in which an individual relates privately to his God, which exists or ought to exist untouched by social or cultural influences. Such a Christianity has nothing to say about relationships between men, that is to say, about politics.

That is a possible reading of the New Testament, but very much harder to sustain in the face of the Old Testament, which is almost pure politics.

In any case, it presupposes that the definition of Christianity is to be found ready for twentieth-century use in the pages of the Bible, a position a fundamentalist could legitimately defend. Dr Norman has not admitted to a fundamentalist position, and it is unlikely that he holds one.

But that line of criticism breaks down completely when applied to Roman Catholicism, as he has applied it, because Roman Catholicism insists on the right to define itself.

If the highest authorities in the Roman Church, with a consensus behind them through the ages and across the globe, define Catholicism as being immediately and urgently concerned with social justice, then that stands as part of what Catholicism is.

For Dr Norman to criticize it is for him to criticize Catholicism for being Catholicism, perhaps a traditional Protestant critique but not one that is self-evidently true.

Orthodox Christianity has a similar ability to define for itself what it is about, and Dr Norman finds agreeable to his own taste the kind of answer that the Russian Orthodox Church has traditionally adopted. It is that Christianity is essentially about liturgy, the ritual context for the experience of the numinous, and that corresponds to Dr Norman's priorities as a Cambridge college chaplain.

He is no ritualist, but the central experiences of his life appear to be connected with the chapel at Peterhouse.

It is "mainstream" Western Protestantism that Dr Norman's attack really bites for neither a fundamentalist reading of the Bible nor an unalterable tradition, nor a *magisterium* are available to such Christians to justify their particular integration of the cultural and the religious.

As a mainstream Western Protestant himself, however, there is no authority to which he can appeal to upset their position; it becomes a matter of opinion, or even of personal inclination.

No appeal to theology is logically allowable under the rules of such a game, for Dr Norman has adequately demonstrated how theological fashions change with the secular wind. An appeal to consensus has some weight, for it can be argued that Christianity is a word to be defined by the way it is used, like any other.

On that ground the consensus among Western liberal Christian leaders is against him; though he could appeal to a consensus of a different kind among ordinary conservative churchgoers. That is probably his strongest plank, though it turns him into a sociologist, one of the very people whom he holds responsible for the trends he wishes to expose as mere trends.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 26: The Prince of Wales attended the Inaugural Gala Concert of the Australian Musical Foundation in London at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, this evening.

Princess Alexandra, patron of the Focus Group, the Royal Commonwealth Society, will be present at the Commonwealth carol service at St Martin-in-the-Fields on December 14 and afterwards will attend a reception at the Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue.

Birthdays today

Dr David Bannerman, 92; the Very Rev E. F. Carpenter, 68; Sir Rex Cohen, 72; Mr Leonard Cutts, 74; Admiral Sir Ian Easton, 61; Lord Howard de Walden, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse, 73; Viscount Lambert, 69; the Marquess of Lansdowne, 66; Lord Trevelyan, 73; Mr Ernie Wise, 53.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. J. Erdman and Miss E. N. Gardiner
The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Erdman, of Park Towers, Old Park Lane, London, and Elizabeth Natalie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Gardiner, of Hotspur House, Blaby, Leicestershire.

Mr W. O. Farrer and Mrs P. Andrew
The engagement is announced between William Oliver Farrer, of Fernhurst, Sussex, and Hazel, widow of Peter Andrew, late of the Malayan Police, of Kingsley Green, Sussex.

Mr W. D. Feagins and Mrs C. E. Boland
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Warren Feagins and Christine Boland, daughter of Mr and Mrs Drew Taylor, of Adelaide, South Australia. The marriage will take place in London on January 20.

Mr C. Helps and Miss K. Rodhouse
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs T. D. Helps, of Westhall, Halesworth, Suffolk, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Rodhouse, of Samares, St Clement, Jersey.

Dr M. J. Hobbs and Miss E. K. H. Brook-Partridge
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on New Year's Day between Michael John Hobbs, of Ladbroke Square, London W11, and Eva Katharine Helen Brook-Partridge, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Dr C. J. Woodcock and Miss J. Millinship
The engagement is announced between Clive, elder son of Mr John Woodcock, QPM, and of Mrs Woodcock, of The Gill, Harmby, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Millinship, of Sydenham Hill, London.

Marriages

Mr W. A. Huston and Lady Margot Cholmondeley
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 18, in St Nicholas's Chapel, Cholmondeley, of Mr Walter Anthony Huston, only son of Mr John Huston, of Las Caletas, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and the late Mrs Huston, and Lady Margot Cholmondeley, second daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Cholmondeley, of Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas, Cheshire. The Rev Peter Roberts and Canon D. Tudor Jones took part in the service. Mr Tarka King was best man.

Mr M. Fenton and the Hon Geraldine Milner
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 25, 1978, in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster between Mr Mark Anthony Fenton, second son of Mr and Mrs B. W. Fenton, of Middlesbrough, and the Hon Geraldine Milner, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Milner of Leeds.

Mr R. T. R. Jackson and Miss M. A. Arnot
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, between Mr Richard Trevor Relton Jackson, younger son of Major-General and Mrs A. J. Jackson, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Miss Margaret Alison Arnot, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J. A. G. Arnot, of Liss, Hampshire. The Rev D. R. Jones officiated, assisted by the Rev W. P. Rennison.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Catherine Arnot. Mr Anthony Pakenham was best man.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester presents awards to winners of Robertson Ideas Competition for Young Architects, 1978, Battersea Arts Centre, 7.10.

Princess Alexandra opens Sir Nicholas Garrow House, hostel of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Kensal Road, Willesden, north London, 2.50.

Lecture: Giovanni Battista Moroni, National Gallery, 1.

Recitals: Recorded music, All Hallows-by-the-Tower, 1; Piano, St Lawrence Jewry, City, 1; Organ, St Michael's, Cornhill, 1.

Walk: Tudor and Stuart. London, meet Westminster station, 2.

Exhibitions: Russian futurism, British Museum, 10-5; English interiors—1930 to the present day, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.30.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Chaplin, Mr William John, of Hadleigh, near Ipswich, retired farmer £206,316
McSwiney, Miss Helen Isabel, of Alresford £105,067
Fryer, Captain Frederic Walter Balfe, of Blandford .. £565,168
Jackson, Mr Basil Hugh, of Shipley £190,329
Kennedy, Mr Angus John Aitchison, of Wimbledon .. £357,012
Raines, Mr Lawrence John, of Ilford £188,189
Seymour, Sir Horace James, of Westbury, British Ambassador to China, 1942 to 1946 .. £298,036
Wall, Mrs Catherine Hutton Jessie, of Putley, near Ledbury £178,108
Wilson, Mr Harold, of Hove £199,463
Yeomans, Mr Harold William, of Alcester £129,549

University news

Cambridge
Appointments and elections:
Lecturers: D. Vesely, PhD (Prague), A. P. Burke, MA (Oxon), history, from Oct 1, 1978.
CHRIST COLLEGE: Honorary fellowship: Sir Peter Hirsch, MA, PhD, Isaac Wolfson Professor of Metallurgy, Oxford University.
GONVILLE AND CAIUS COLLEGE: Organ scholarship: R. Hayes, Royal Academy of Music (music). Choral exhibitions: I. D. Glover, of Bradford Grammar School, and M. C. E. [illegible], law, The King's School, Canterbury (music).
SELWYN COLLEGE: Research fellowship: K. Jones, BA.
TRINITY HALL: Organ scholarship from Oct, 1979: C. A. H. Forcater-Bennett, Taunton School.

Manchester
UMIST
Appointments:
Lecturers: Dr M. Edkins and G. Thompson, mechanical engineering; Dr F. L. Davies and Dr B. Hamilton, electrical engineering and electronics; Dr T. C. Roberts, paper science; R. T. Nixon, textile technology; Dr A. J. Bell, structural engineering.

Memorial service

Professor B. Willey
A memorial service for Professor Basil Willey was held in the chapel of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on Saturday. The Dean, the Rev E. W. Nicholson, officiated, assisted by the Rev W. V. Tanghe. The lesson was read by Mr M. W. Willey (son) and an address was given by Professor I. Jack. Among those present were:

Mrs M. W. Willey (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs O. P. Hartree and Mr and Mrs L. B. O. Sherlock (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs E. Hartree, Mr G. J. Hartree, Miss K. J. Hartree, Mr and Mrs M. Bird.

The Master of Pembroke and Mrs W. A. Camps, the Master of Peterhouse, the President of New Hall; Sir Gordon and Lady Sutherland, Lady Hoare, Sir Herbert Butterfield, Lady Whalby, Sir Geoffrey Keynes, Professor J. E. Stevens, Professor and Mrs L. C. Knights, Professor H. Stratman, Professor D. Whitelock, the Rev W. F. Flemington, the Rev M. B. Dewey, the Bursar of Pembroke, Professor A. J. W. Bennett, Professor and Mrs N. P. L. Wildy, Professor J. D. Evans, Dr L. P. Johnson, Mr M. G. Kuczynski, Mr H. Barkley, Mr R. V. Kerr, Mr and Mrs W. S. Hutton, Mr and Mrs G. C. Smith, Dr R. Stoneley, Mr S. D. T. Spittle, Dr and Mrs H. D. F. Dixon, Miss H. M. Harrison, Mr E. P. Sutton, Dr S. Kenderdine, Dr J. B. Beard, Dr T. Wormell, Dr E. I. J. Rosenthall, Miss D. M. Hutchinson, Dr and Mrs C. Merchant, Mr P. Merchant, Mr N. M. Matthews, Dr J. Honey and Mrs C. G. Wilcockson.

Dinner

Garrick Club
Members of the Garrick Club held their annual dinner yesterday evening. The Hon William Douglas-Home was the guest of the club and the toast of the guest was proposed by Mr Robert Morley. Sir Anthony Burney presided.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Roy Stillman, aged 54, Headmaster of Crosfields School, Reading to be chairman for 1979 of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, in succession to Mr James Hornby, Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School.
Lord Ferrers to be president of The East of England Agricultural Society.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by number 1 GB 731027. The winner lives in Manchester.

The 25 £1,000 winners are:

BB 048560	7 RS 114930
5 BS 085993	8 RL 179145
EZ 470927	13 VF 463958
7 FB 527621	14 WK 735614
7 FP 549904	15 WS 786613
3 HK 361158	3 XS 877401
7 JL 923869	8 XS 257078
7 KP 233327	11 ZB 060843
8 LN 506122	13 ZK 591328
10 LL [illegible]	20 ZZ 682917
5 MK [illegible]	22 ZB 849774
6 PP 367718	25 ZZ 347587
9 QS 409130	

25 years ago

From The Times of Thursday, Nov 26, 1953

England lose record

From Our Association Football Correspondent

Yesterday by 4 o'clock on a grey winter's afternoon within the bowl of Wembley Stadium the inevitable had happened. To those who had seen the shadows of the recent years creeping closer and closer there was perhaps no real surprise. England at last were beaten by the foreign invader on solid English soil. And it was to a great side from Hungary, the Olympic champions, that the final honour fell. They have won a most precious prize by their rich, overflowing, and to English patriots, unbelievable victory of six goals to three over an England side that was cut to ribbons for most of an astonishing afternoon. Here indeed did we attend, all 100,000 of us, the twilight of the gods. There is no sense in writing that England were a poor side. Everything in this world is comparative. Taken within the framework of British football they were acceptable. This same combination—with the addition of the absent Finney—could probably win against Scotland at Hampden Park next April. But here, on Wembley's velvet turf, they found themselves strangers in a strange world, a world of flitting red spots, for such did the Hungarians seem as they moved at devastating pace with superb skill and powerful finish in their cherry bright shirts.

Pope's plea for freedom of religion

Rome, Nov 26.—Pope John Paul II issued a worldwide appeal for religious freedom today in a speech Vatican observers suggested was aimed at the rulers of his native Poland.

The former Archbishop of Cracow, his voice powerful and trembling, told a crowd of more than 60,000 in St Peter's Square that many Roman Catholics were "condemned to death" for their faith.

"I think of all our brothers condemned to death, if not physically, civically, because they profess their faith", the Pope said in his traditional Sunday speech.

"I think of those persecuted because they are faithful to the real truth and the real justice", he said, to thunderous applause.

Although the Pope made no direct reference to nations or governments, Vatican observers said his reference to "civic" persecution was aimed at religious harassment in Soviet-controlled countries.

"Let those who make the laws, govern the state and guard the peace reflect on the undaunted fortitude of Jesus on the cross", he said. The Pope, who resisted communist interference in church affairs while in Poland, spoke only Italian during the 20-minute address.

"We must never forget those who pay for their faith through condemnation, discrimination, suffering—even death", he said. "Their suffering is similar to Christ's before the ancient tribunal of Pontius Pilate."

The Pope's strong statements came less than a day after his mentor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, the Polish primate, criticized East European communist governments for blocking religious radio broadcasts.—UPI.

Appointments in the forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: J. B. Kerr, BIRMINGHAM in Cmd, April 6.
COMMANDERS: P. C. Phipps, exec offr HMAS WATSON, June 4; B. Shaw, MOD with DNMP, Feb 6; M. E. C. Brown, GALATEA as WEO, July 6; P. A. N. Foster, DEFIANCE for duty with Capt fleet mince, May 18; M. D. Joel, NELSON for duty as NLO Southampton, March 12; R. C. F. Hill, PEMBROKE as nuclear power mngr, April 2.

The Army
MAJOR-GENERAL: Brig H. S. L. Dalzell-Payne, to be GOC 3 Armd Div, Nov 30.
BRIGADIERS: Col A. C. D. Watts to be Comd AAC, HQ UKLF, Dec 4.
COLONELS: Lt-Col P. G. Brooking, 5 Innis DG, to be Col GS, HQ 4 Armd Div, Nov 30; A. W. Davis to be Col GS Staff College, Dec 4; T. Holloway to be Col GS, HQ Landsouthest, Dec 4; Lt-Col D. W. Smith, RA, to be AAG, MOD, Nov 30; A. G. Steel apptd DA Belgrade, Nov 17; Lt-Col J. B. Tait, QO Hldrs, to be Col GS(W), Ordnance Board, Nov 29.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R. Bell, R Sigs, to be GSO1, HQ (BR) Corps, Dec 1; Maj S. D. Gray, RA, to be GSO1, RA Range Hebrides, Dec 1; J. M. Umbers, Staffords, to be Comdt, NCO's tactics wing, schl of infantry, Brecon, Nov 29.
RETIREMENT: Maj-Gen D. S. Appleby, Dec 4.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS (acting air commodore): G. N. Forman to MOD as DDLS(RAF), Nov 30; D. G. Gregory to MOD as D of PG(RAF), Dec 2.
GROUP CAPTAIN: D. Stewart to HQ RAFSC as C supp eng, Nov 27.
WING COMMANDERS: J. R. Davies to MOD(PE) as AGWT 3, Nov 24; A. E. Radnor to MOD as Ops(NAV)1(RAF), Nov 24; R. Ford to OASC Biggin Hill as GD selection bd chairman, Nov 27; J. R. G. Lawrie to MOD as PM3(RAF), Nov 27; P. D. Oulton to HQ STC as wg cdr attk, Nov 27; G. D. Rork to HQ RAFSC as SE3, Nov 27; R. G. Smalley to HQ RAFSC as DSPSO, Nov 27; G. D. Whitney to HQ P & SS(UK) for staff duties, Nov 27; D. Williams to MOD as air eng 35 (RAF), Nov 29; A. Salter to BDS Washington as air 3, Nov 30; J. D. Davis to MOD (CS), Dec 1.
SQUADRON LEADERS (acting wing commander): M. W. M. Hurst to MOD as air eng 34 (RAF), Nov 27; C. Learmonth to MOD as PM1(RAF), Nov 27.

$26,000 paid for vitrine by Emil Gallé in New York sale of Art Nouveau

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A sale of Art Nouveau and Art Deco at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Friday and Saturday produced some unexpected prices, although the field is a well established one for collectors, with a scale of values for standard items.

As usual, Tiffany favrile glass lamps brought the top prices, but a rare piece of furniture designed by the glassmaker, Emil Gallé, fetched $26,000 (£13,402), when only $12,000 to $18,000 had been forecast.

It is a marquetry vitrine with bronze mounts, of around 1900; both marquetry and mounts have the undulating lines characteristic of Art Nouveau. Gallé had an identical vitrine with slightly different inlay in his dining room at La Garenne.

A Tiffany six-piece silver tea and coffee service, the pieces decorated with applied trailing gourd plants in copper and brass, made $22,000 (estimate $8,000 to $12,000), or £11,340. It dates from about 1890 and the design reflects the aesthetic of the "Oriental movement".

Two Art Nouveau necklaces with gold links connecting Egyptian scarabs (some ancient, some imitations) fetched an unexpected price at $21,000 (estimate $2,000 to $3,000), or £10,832. They were catalogued as "probably French" and date from around 1900.

Another surprise came in the Art Deco section when a set of firearms designed by Joseph Urban around 1935, very simple and geometric, made $12,000 (estimate $700 to $1,000), or £6,185. New York dealers made up the bulk of the buyers; and the two-day sale totalled £499,515, with 80 of 724 lots unsold.

A sale of designs and other items connected with dance, theatre and opera at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Friday made £95,786, with 10 per cent unsold. Several leading ballet and cinema performers attended the sale and bid anonymously.

The top price was $10,000 (estimate $6,000 to $8,000) or £5,412, for a 1912 costume design by Leon Bakst for a shepherd in *Daphnis and Chloe*. It was bought by an unnamed ballet dancer.

Stamp sale: Sotheby's held their first London stamp sale last Thursday and Friday, when the fine general collection of the late S. G. Cramer realized £345,663, against the generous estimate of £293,000 (our Stamps Correspondent writes). Only 1.6 per cent of the sale was bought in.

Two one-country collections sold well. New Zealand 1862-1936, all unused, made £3,700, and Jordan 1922-1960, again unused, £4,750.

Parliamentary diary

House of Commons
Nov 20: Statement on ambulance drivers' dispute in West Midlands. Companies Bill read a second time. Adjournment debate about coal industry in South Wales. House adjourned, 10.30 pm.
Nov 20: Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill read the third time. Statements on Normansfield Hospital and on Bentley Colliery accident. Social Security Bill read a second time. Adjournment debate about proposed dismissal by Inland Revenue of an audio typist. House adjourned, 9.30 pm.
Nov 22: Statement about Southern Region rail dispute. Education Bill read a first time. Scotland Act 1978 (Referendum) Order and Wales Act 1978 (Referendum) Order agreed to. Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order agreed to. Adjournment debate about housing policy in Liverpool. House adjourned, 12.52 am (Thursday).
Nov 23: Statement on Rhodesia. Banking Bill read a second time. Motion that Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part I) Order be not made agreed to. Adjournment debate about port health authority regulations. House adjourned, 9.51 pm.
Nov 24: Motion on special measures to combat unemployment agreed to. Adjournment debate about railway services in Sussex. House adjourned, 4.30 pm.

House of Lords
Nov 21: Pensioners Payments Bill read a second time and passed the remaining stages. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order and Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order agreed to. Motion to annul Food (Prohibition of Repricing) Order withdrawn. Debate of EEC report on VAT on second-hand goods. House adjourned, 6.30 pm.
Nov 22: Debates about poets and poetry; aircraft purchasing policy in Europe; and electricity for domestic heating. House adjourned, 7.23 pm.
Nov 23: Statement on Rhodesia. Land Registration (Scotland) Bill, read first time. Wages Councils Bill read a second time. Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations agreed to. Public Records Amendment Bill read a second time. Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order, Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order, and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order all agreed to. Pensioners payments Act received Royal Assent. House adjourned, 4.51 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on oil spillage. Opposed private business.
Tomorrow at 2.30: House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill, second reading. Motions on Employment Protection (Variation of Limit) Order and on the Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on European Monetary System.
Thursday at 2.30: Merchant Shipping Bill, second reading. Motion on House of Commons Members' Fund. Motion on Qualifications of Directors of Social Work (Scotland) Regulations.
Friday at 11: Private members' motions on work of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration; industrial development in the northern region. State of nation and condition of British people.

Select committee
Thursday: Race Relations and Immigration. Subject: Effects of United Kingdom membership of EEC on race relations and immigration. Witnesses: Mr David Lane and Commission for Racial Equality officials.

House of Lords
Tuesday at 2.30: National Land Fund Bill, second reading. Welfare of Livestock Order. Debate on EEC report on misleading advertising. Debate on European Monetary System.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on Select Committee report on Bill of Rights.
Thursday at 3: Motion on Welsh referendum order. Public Health Laboratory Service Bill, second reading. Debate on apparent change in global weather patterns.

Two teams left in England bridge trials

By Our Bridge Correspondent

The third weekend of international trials held by the English Bridge Union to determine the England team for the home countries' internationals early in the New Year has completed the 10-team round robin stage.

The leading two teams are playing off over 48 boards in London with the winners certain to represent England in at least one of the three international matches. They are: A. R. Forrester, R. Smolski, J. M. Armstrong and G. T. Kirby, with 149 victory points; and Dr A. Sowter, J. Amsbury, M. Nardin and S. J. Lodge, with 136.

Both teams finished a distance ahead of the rest of the field, with A. M. G. Thompson, J. L. Reardon, D. M. Graham and K. Loveys third with 106.

Rank Group Charities

The Rank Group Charities gave £4.8m to charities and institutions in the four years up to the end of last month, it is disclosed in its report covering the period.

Science report

Multiple sclerosis: Canine virus

By Our Medical Correspondent

Among the many possible causes suggested for multiple sclerosis is infection with the virus that causes distemper in dogs. Several investigators have reported that ownership of dogs is more frequent among persons with multiple sclerosis than in the general population (although in other studies no such association was found). Canine distemper virus can cause a disease of the nervous system in dogs that is similar to human multiple sclerosis. Finally, an outbreak of canine distemper in the Faroe Islands in the early 1940s was followed by the occurrence of an unusually large number of cases of multiple sclerosis in the next 15 years.

Research in Iceland has provided a convincing rebuttal of that circumstantial evidence. Iceland is an isolated community where the import of dogs has been closely controlled for most of this century. Dogs are forbidden in the capital, Reykjavik, and even with illegal dog ownership there are fewer than 200 in the city. The number of dogs on the island is, indeed, so low that canine distemper occurs only rarely and there is no need for vaccination against the disease.

Since 1909 there have been only three outbreaks of the disease, all originating in the South-West region, and all assumed to have been introduced by the import of an infected dog. On each occasion the distemper outbreak was brought under control before it had spread to all parts of the island. Since 1941 there has been no distemper at all in the greater part of Iceland.

Multiple sclerosis is, however, common in Iceland. Between 1946 and 1965 there were 129 cases, and the frequency of new cases has been at least as high in the areas that have been free from distemper as in the rest of the country. Nor has the virtual elimination of dogs from Reykjavik prevented the disease: multiple sclerosis still occurs in the capital.

These observations show that neither dogs nor the canine distemper virus are essential factors for the occurrence of multiple sclerosis. It remains possible that the disease may have several different causes and that in some circumstances the distemper virus is one of those; but if there is a single cause then that cannot be closely associated with dogs.

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Sir Henry Plumb and a place in Europe

Agriculture

Hugh Clayton

When Sir Henry Plumb announced that he did not intend to seek a further term as president of the National Farmers' Union he did not say that he wanted to sit in the first directly elected European Parliament. He would not even confirm that he intended to rejoin the Conservative Party as a first step towards nomination as a candidate.

"As far as that is concerned I am not committed", he said when asked about his desire to enter the parliament. What he meant was that the selection machinery was not yet fully and publicly committed to him.

Asked what kind of seat he would like, Sir Henry replied: "A safe seat." Pressed further, he gave an exceptionally cautious answer. "I do not intend to do anything at the moment. If I eventually decide or am invited to go into the European Parliament, then inevitably, if it would be through the Conservative Party, I would be joining."

The creation of a parliament in which members will be quite distinct from those in national legislatures has offered glittering possibilities to many eager and capable party politicians in Britain who have either travelled unsuccessfully round constituencies or have lost their seats in the past five years after long service in the Commons.

It may be hard for some of them to stomach the arrival of a man like Sir Henry, who clearly had little compunction about giving up his 20-year membership of the Conservative Party when he became leader of the non-political NFU in 1970. It may be even harder for seasoned party campaigners to accept him now that he has allowed himself to be quoted as saying that he was more of a political animal than a party politician.

He said late in August: "I want to do everything I can to bring about unity in Europe. The big issue is agriculture, and the big question is whether I can do more where I am or whether I could do more somewhere else."

He has said nothing about wanting to promote conservative ideals against socialism. He said in August: "I have been involved in party politics for many years, and I like the freedom from party politics." Asked about his time as a party member, he said: "I have never been involved in the party machinery. I did not join with any enthusiasm at all." His main reason for joining had been "to take an interest in local affairs".

There is no doubt, however, that he would make an outstanding European MP. He believes strongly in the ideals of unity represented by the EEC. He is an accomplished public speaker and debater who falters at the rostrum less often than some of the ministers with whom he has had to bargain as president of the NFU.

He would be an asset to the Conservative Party, which manages repeatedly to appear dazed by the common agricultural policy. The selectors will do the parliament and the party no service if they fail to choose him.

A desire to enter the parliament is not the only motive for his decision not to seek a further term as president of the NFU. It is probable that he would have won next year's election had he accepted nomination. A further term would have enabled him to span the whole of the decade in which he, above all others, came to symbolize the need for British farming to become European in outlook.

The relentless pressure of the presidency cannot be endured for ever, and at 53 Sir Henry has held the post for longer than all but one of his predecessors. He told the council of the NFU last week that the presidency obliged him to work "eight days and nine nights a week".

The president of the NFU must be able to negotiate convincingly with ministers and leading civil servants while ensuring that his tens of thousands of member farmers feel that their subscriptions are being well spent. He must attend countless meetings and working lunches and dinners. He must expect to be interviewed, harangued and taken to Brussels at any moment.

He has managed all that for nine years. It is no mean achievement for one who is also chairman of the British Agricultural Council, vice-president of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, president of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, a Deputy Lieutenant for Warwickshire, a liveryman of the Farmers' Company, and a member of the council of the Confederation of British Industry and his local Rotary club.

It must be wearing for an elected public figure like Sir Henry to have to attend, say, a dinner in the shires after a long car journey at the end of a delayed flight from Brussels which followed hours of important meetings.

I suspect that what is truly punishing about such occasions is that when the celebrity arrives weary and longing for home and rest, he must somehow convince his hosts that the event so dismally reminiscent of dozens of others, is one of the most fascinating and enjoyable he has ever attended.

Sir Henry was deputy president of the union when he stood for the presidency. The present deputy president is Mr Richard Butler, whose background is very different. Sir Henry comes from Midlands yeoman stock and still farms in Warwickshire.

Mr Butler, who farms in Essex, is the elder son of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, who as Mr R. A. Butler held many senior offices in the Conservative governments of the early 1960s. His son, a product of Eton, Cambridge and the Royal Horse Guards, is a more cautious speaker than Sir Henry and does not yet dominate a meeting so easily.

If he won the presidency next year he would soon match the office. He will need to, since Sir Henry's successor will begin work in an election year dominated by the hideous tangle of the European Monetary System. Morever, Professor Asher Winegarten, director-general of the NFU, is still recovering from a serious illness and may not return to work for some time.

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OBITUARY

SIR HUGH DOW

Government service in India, Israel and Africa

Sir Hugh Dow, GCIE, KCSI, died on November 20, at the age of 92.

As a member of the Indian Civil Service, he filled important posts including the Governorships of Sind and afterwards of Bihar, in the closing years of British rule. Next when the British Mandate in Palestine was surrendered in 1948, he became the first Representative of the British Government to Israel under the title of Consul-General. He will also be remembered, however, as chairman of the Royal Commission on East Africa which issued its striking and, for that period, radical conclusions, in 1955.

Hugh Dow, a son of Alfred Dow, was born on May 8, 1886, and educated at Askes Hatcham School, and the University of London. He passed the ICS examination of 1909 and was posted to the Bombay Presidency. Much of his service career was spent in Sind; he first went to Karachi toward the end of the First World War as assistant commissioner for civil supplies and recruiting. Later he was deputy controller of prices in the sub-province. He returned to Bombay in the Spring of 1921 to be deputy secretary in the finance department, to which was added later the charge of passport arrangements. He became Secretary of the Department in 1923.

Two years later he was again in Sind as Financial Adviser of the Public Works Department. This work helped to equip him for the position of Revenue Officer of the Lloyd (Sukkar) Barrage for which he was selected in 1927. He was thus directly concerned with the colonization by peasant farmers of the great areas brought under cultivation by the project. He was a member of the Conference which in 1932 recommended that Sind should be raised to the status of a separate Governorship. In 1933-4 he was Chairman of the Sind Administrative Committee. He then returned to Bombay as Joint Secretary of the Commerce Department. For three years from 1936 he was at the headquarters of the Government of India as Secretary of the Commerce Department. There followed a similar period during which he was Director General and President of the War Supply.

He left Delhi for Karachi in the Spring of 1941 to take over the Governorship of Sind from his old friend Sir Lancelot Graham the first occupant of the office. On the completion of his quinquennial tenure Dow was selected to be Governor of Bihar and remained there from the spring of 1946 to the transfer of power in August 1947. A man of quiet strength, steadfastness of purpose and clear vision, with a high sense of duty, it was no surprise to his friends that when the British mandate for Palestine was surrendered in the Summer of 1948, he should be selected to be the first Representative of Britain in the new state of Israel, under the cognomen of Consul-General. Inevitably the position was fraught with anxieties but Dow confronted them with courage and distinction. He retired from the Consul-Generalship in 1951 and towards the end of the following year was made chairman of the Ordination Funds Commission.

Soon after he was entrusted with the important task of chairman of the Royal Commission on land tenure and associated problems in East Africa. After inquiries and deliberations extending over more than two years the commission issued a Report in the summer of 1955, which had an intellectual incisiveness and doctrinal clarity characteristic of the findings of some of the great Royal Commissions of the past. Dow and his colleagues were critical of many of the restrictions and control then current and urged a positive policy by which the African should be enabled to strive to adapt himself to the modern economic order. The Report made many proposals then revolutionary, such as that tribal land should be available for unrestricted sale and individual ownership, and that White settlers should be prepared to concede their own privileged position even at a time when in Kenya they were under terrorist attack. The unanimous conclusions went far beyond the question of land tenure. They touched the foundations of the social order in what was then British East Africa. One well informed observer wrote that the Report recommended a Gladstonian cure for Africa's ills and might have been signed by Adam Smith.

Dow was made a CIE in 1932, a CSI in 1937, advanced to KCSI in 1940, and to GCIE in 1947. He was also a Knight of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

He married in 1913, Ann, daughter of James Sheffield. She was made a CBE in 1947, was a Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem and a holder of the Kaiser-i-Hind medal. She died in 1956. There were a son and daughter of the marriage.

MR A. A. CREAMER

Mr A. A. Creamer, DFC, who died on November 22 at the age of 61, had been Public Trustee since 1975, his last post in a distinguished career in the Civil Service.

Creamer took over as Public Trustee at a difficult time. His predecessor had held the post only for a short period and the future of the Office was uncertain. He took over and ran it in a masterly fashion, improving its organization and finances and greatly raising the spirits of the staff with his characteristic combination of humour, energy and astringent commonsense.

He entered the Civil Service in 1935 at 18, and took a first class degree in Law, studying at night while working on death duties in the Inland Revenue by day. He joined the RAF in 1941, and flew 30 missions as a navigator in Bomber Command; he was awarded the DFC. After the war he went to the Ministry of Works and spent many years in O and M, moving to the Treasury in 1965 to continue the same work at the centre of government. There he played a large part in the introduction of computers, and subsequently had charge of the Manpower Divisions before his appointment as Public Trustee.

Colleges will remember Bert Creamer (as everyone called him) with great affection as a big man, physically, mentally and morally. He had a sharp eye for humbug of every kind, and a succinct and mordant gift for expressing his opinion of it. But with these went a great fund of kindness as well as a born administrator's gift for seeing what could be done and making it happen. Clouds of pipe-smoke and gales of laughter went with the prompt despatch of business.

He married Margaret Lloyd in 1946. They had one son and one daughter.

MR LESLIE HURRY

Mr Jack Lindsay writes:

Leslie Hurry was most widely known for his work as scenic and costume artist for the theatre, but his paintings have a distinctive lyrical quality which gives them a place all their own in modern English art.

He left the Royal Academy School of Painting in 1931 and the murals he painted in his father's house led to a commission from a firm of brewers to decorate a chain of saloon bars. In 1934 he broke away and wandered in Britain and Ireland, painting landscapes which formed the basis of his first exhibition at the Wertheim Galleries in March, 1937. Herbert Read praised them and Hurry got a number of commissions for topographical views. He soon tired of this work and took a secluded cottage at Thaxted. Thrown back on himself, he began to discover his inner world as an artist, wrestling with abstract themes.

The war intensified his sense of isolation and his need to find himself. In 1940-41 he produced two books of "automatic" drawings of intricate patterns, with a written text. In February, 1941, he showed some of his new work at the Redfern Galleries and was acclaimed as an ultra surrealist. His reputation was established by a larger show in November.

His success as a designer for the ballet, the theatre and opera has been mentioned previously in *The Times*. In 19[illegible] the Arts Council here and the National Gallery of Canada held exhibitions of his theatre designs. At his death he was working on a production of Tchaikovsky's *Mazeppa* for Boston Opera.

It was in his paintings that he kept on breaking new ground and showing the full scope of his sensibility. Roughly one may say that he began with works linked with surrealism, in which there is a penetrating depiction of inner moods and conflicts, a characteristic device being the use of more than one face for a figure. During the war he extended his method to express large-scale issues, as in the Blakean "Atom Bomb". In the fifties he moved to a dream-like quality, in which he defined both the relationships between his figures and tensions based in his structuration of space which was both broken up and drawn together in new ways. He then moved to a further complex spatial exploration in landscapes, as shown in exhibitions at the Mercury Gallery in 19[illegible], 1972, 1975. All the while he was developing his expressive use of colour, which he fused with his linear systems. He used water colour and oil (superimposing one on the other) as well as bright colour-washes, gouache, ink and crayon, fascinated by rich reds, greens, blues, as also with delicate greys.

MR KENNETH JOHNSTONE

W.H. and G.H.B. write:

To the appreciation of Kenneth Johnstone in your issue of 20 November, may we add that when the Great Britain/East Europe Centre was formed in 1967, he was one of the original members of the Centre's Governing Body? He was a greatly respected Vice-Chairman from 1974 until 1976 when he resigned in order to give way to a younger man. Even after his resignation from the Governing Body, he continued to take an active interest in the Centre's efforts to promote a closer understanding between the British people and the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe.

Those of us who worked with Kenneth in the Centre and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies will remember his quiet distinction, his integrity, his transparent honesty and his self-effacing attitude towards his own considerable achievements. Above all, he was a kindly and approachable man and never spoke ill of anyone. His gentle though firm presence will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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Under United States law, about $700m (£360m) of subsidized foreign goods will face American countervailing duties from January 3.

The Community has been assured by the Carter Administration that a Bill will be passed by April waiving the imposition of these countervailing duties. Although the EEC has accepted these American assurances, the French insist that no Tokyo Round agreement can be signed before the "waiver" Bill is passed.

Negotiators in Geneva, however, believe it will be possible to complete the technical negotiations, even if they then have to await formal political approval.

Mr John Smith, Secretary of State for Trade, draws the analogy with house purchase where the exchange of contracts is followed later by a formal completion date.

The problem is that unless the Tokyo Round—aimed at the biggest recasting of world trade for 30 years—has borne fruit, Congress could fail to pass the "waiver" Bill. Thus, there is a danger of the French Government and Congress getting themselves locked in a circular struggle.

Whether Congress would accept a Tokyo Round agreement which bore formal EEC approval as adequate reason for passing the "waiver" Bill, remains uncertain.

There is already said to be much impatience in Congress after five years of trade talks.

Another problem is that the impression of the EEC negotiating mandate, as it stands, could allow the French to block some of the concessions that Commission negotiators will have to make if agreement is to be forthcoming.

A fierce attack on the EEC negotiators has already appeared in the French press and is generally thought to have been officially inspired. This attacked the Community negotiators for capitulating to the United States.

Council refuses permission to let ships load as first crude arrives at £800m Shetland base

Licence dispute blocks oil at new terminal

From Our Correspondent

The first North Sea oil arrived at the £800m Sullom Voe terminal in Shetland yesterday as the oil companies and Shetland Islands council tried to settle a dispute which is preventing the terminal from becoming operational.

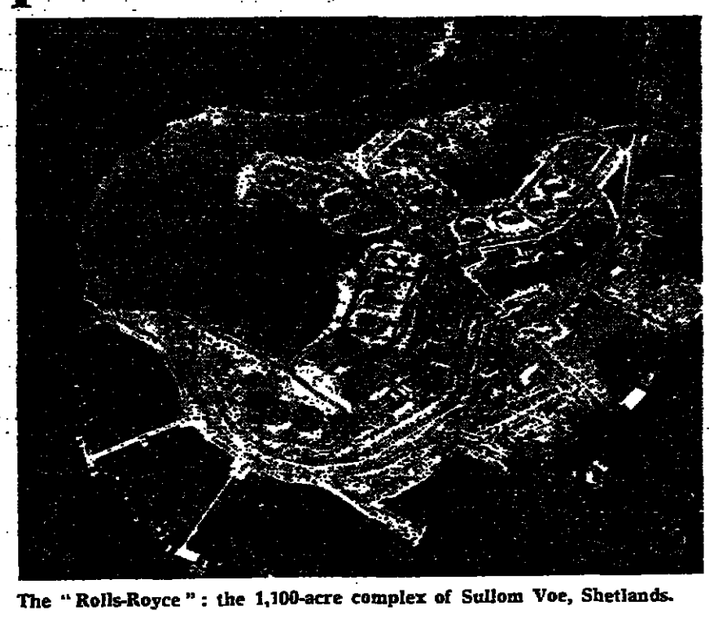
Until the two sides reach agreement and the oil industry—representing the 34 companies involved in the project—signs a temporary operating licence drawn up by the council, tankers cannot enter the oil port, the largest in Europe, to load the crude oil and take it to refineries.

Arriving at 15,000 barrels a day through the Brent pipeline from the Dunlin field about 100 miles out into the North Sea, the oil will be pumped in to the four completed storage tanks, each capable of holding 23 million gallons.

The terminal will handle more than half of Britain's oil production by the early 1980s. Initially it should be capable of handling nearly 1.4 million barrels of oil a day with the possibility of a maximum throughput of three million barrels.

It was not until the much-delayed oil finally began travelling through the pipeline last week that the oil industry raised difficulties over the signing of the temporary licence. This is an interim measure until a long terms lease is drawn up between the council, owner of the terminal site, and the Sullom Voe Association.

The industry is unhappy about certain provisions in the licence, particularly one under which the council would be reimbursed in certain oil pollution conditions.



The "Rolls-Royce": the 1,100-acre complex of Sullom Voe, Shetlands.

It had warned the industry on November 14 that until the licence was signed, it would be premature to bring tankers into the port. Despite this, Shell's 70,000-ton Donovania arrived at the approaches to Sullom Voe on Thursday.

The council issued immediate instructions that the tanker could not berth until the licence was signed.

A BP spokesman said yesterday he believed some agreement was near, and only one or two minor details were left to be cleared up.

In the absence of any operating licence the oil industry will be forced to consider shutting off the oil flow when the four storage tanks are full.

With oil from the Heather field expected to arrive through the Ninian pipeline at the terminal early next month, both the council and oil industry are anxious to reach an early agreement.

The island's council was granted unique powers by Parliament in 1974 under the Zetland County Council Act to control the sea areas within a three-mile limit of the terminal. It is authorized to act as a harbour authority, to purchase land for oil-related development and to create a reserve fund from oil revenues.

It already has about £9m in a charitable trust which it controls and by the end of the century is likely to benefit by a staggering £100m, some estimates putting the figure as high as £200m.

The council has repeatedly said that money which comes from oil will be used to revitalize Shetland's economy when oil has gone.

The traditional industries of fishing, fish processing and knitwear are already declining with school leavers tempted away from lower-paid jobs to Sullom Voe, where a girl can learn between £100 and £200 a week making beds or working in the restaurants at the construction camps.

Neither the terminal nor the port—described by the council as the "Rolls-Royce of ports"—is fully operational. It will be 1982 before construction is finished. When fully operational it will be the largest terminal serving the North Sea oilfields and the largest oil port in Europe.

Grounds for hope in a world of hunger

Bangladesh may have to double its food output in the next 13 years to avoid serious hunger, while Taiwan and Sri Lanka may have to achieve this goal in seven and eight years respectively. Almost all developing countries have barely 20 years to double the food available to them.

This bleak prospect, outlined at length in a study by Mr Sterling Wortman, president of the International Agricultural Development Service (IADS) and vice-president of the Rockefeller Foundation, and by Mr Ralph Cummings, an IADS programme officer, underlines the urgency of dealing with the world food problem.

It shows clearly that the developing countries must achieve rates of food production increases far greater than any that have been achieved in industrial countries in the past.

His new book, *To Feed this World—The Challenge and the Strategy*, has been heavily influenced by a conference here last year of about 70 of the leading international experts in this area.

Mr Wortman suggests that the book, about to be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, is primarily aimed at those government leaders in developing countries and those senior officials in the array of development organizations, who can adopt the proposals made.

From the layman's viewpoint, it is the grounds for hope that are the most interesting, if only because this view clashes so strongly with so much published these days about the prospects for food supply.

To some degree it is all the gloom about food prospects that encourages Mr Wortman, because it had increased concern and made many leaders recognize that urgent action was essential.

This had taken a concrete form, he asserts, with international agencies sharply increasing their lending for agricultural and rural development, with Governments placing more emphasis on helping small farmers grow basic crops and with the development of more effective forms of international cooperation, such as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

More fundamentally the authors note that areas of land available for agricultural development now appears to be greater than had long been supposed, that chemical fertilizers are more generally available than ever before, that biological technologies for the tropics and subtropics are being developed and that there is much greater understanding of the seriousness and complexity of the food-poverty-population problem.

Mr Wortman states bluntly that it is being widely accepted that increasing the incomes of the poor, through all manner of means, will directly help alleviate the hunger problem.

Frank Vogl
In Washington

Dollar support likely to satisfy OECD

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

Top international monetary officials will today begin two days of talks in Paris on the success of United States measures to prop up the dollar.

The talks, taking place in the Working Party 3 of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, will provide the officials with their first chance to assess how far the $30,000m (£15,544m) support package mobilized by President Carter has succeeded in ending the dollar's decline.

It seems likely that they will conclude the measures have begun to convince the market that United States authorities are serious in their determination to prevent further dollar decline.

Central banks, including America's Federal Reserve, have spent considerable amounts in intervention in the past month to hold the dollar up and other currencies down.

The officials will probably not restrict their discussions to the immediate effects of the intervention measures. They are also likely to look at the underlying situation which will face the dollar in the coming year.

It is not yet certain that the American authorities will be able to persuade markets that the fundamentals which led to the dollar's decline have changed in their favour.

One factor which may be important in this is the likely development of the international payments situation over the year ahead. The committee will probably review the progress which the world has made towards ending the very large payments imbalances within Western countries.

It seems likely that the United States current account balance will improve dramatically at some point next year as a result of increased American competitiveness caused by the dollar's decline. The likelihood of a slowdown in American growth, perhaps even a full-fledged recession, ought also to lead to a reduction in the country's deficit.

The exact timing and speed of this turn-round, however, will obviously depend very much on short-term performance in the currency markets, because a declining dollar has as its initial effect a worsening of the American payments position.

This is because of the so-called "J curve" effect, which shows that devaluation of a currency begins by worsening its balance of payments but then improves it as the volume of exports grows and the volume of imports falls.

Uncertainty about the American currency has made it very difficult to forecast precisely the likely pattern of payments development.

The meeting is expected to hear forecasts which suggest that the industrialized world has moved out of the period of very heavy deficits which resulted from the oil crisis of 1973.

NEB steel takeover now unlikely

By Peter Hill

Discussions have been suspended on the hiving off of the Redpath Dorman Long division of BSC to the National Enterprise Board, but talks on some aspects of possible NEB involvement are continuing.

Talks began some months ago, and if the plan had materialized, it would have represented the first big reorganization of BSC's activities since nationalization, more than 10 years ago.

Ministers and senior Whitehall officials have been kept closely informed of the progress of discussions, which would have given the state board an important interest in the growing offshore equipment market.

RDL employs 7,500, with a further 500 in the platform-building company of Redpath/De Groot Caledonian, in which it has a 48 per cent interest after the sale of other equity to the Dutch offshore company of De Groot.

Senior officials at BSC and the NEB have confirmed that discussions on the original plan have assumed a lower key, but emphasize the possibility of NEB involvement at some later stage.

Recently RDL announced a reshaping of its operations, which involves Redpath Dorman Long acting as a holding company operating through three subsidiaries, which will act as agents for the three principal sectors of business conducted by the group.

Two more companies opt for non-TUC union

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Engineers and Managers' Association, which is fighting against other TUC-affiliated unions for a firm foothold in manufacturing industry, yesterday disclosed that employees in two more companies want it to negotiate on their behalf.

The union, which has 45,000 members, released the results of two further ballots carried out by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service in response to the EMA's claims for recognition under the Employment Protection Act.

At Permali Gloucester, and at Crabtree 57 per cent and 79 per cent, respectively, of the staff affected said they wanted the EMA to represent their interests.

The EMA said that in five companies which are the subject of recognition claims, most of the affected workforce had opted for the EMA rather than for the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section) or any other union.

ACAS has shelved any decisions on the EMA's claims pending the hearing on December 11 of its appeal against the High Court judgment earlier this year. The judgment overruled the ACAS decision on a similar claim by the United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers (UKAPE).

ACAS has up to now taken the line that to allow unions like the EMA and UKAPE, which are not in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU), would upset the existing national agreements between the CSEU unions and the Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF).

Mr John Lyons, the EMA's general secretary, said last night that the ballot showed conclusively that managers and professionals wanted the EMA to negotiate for them. ACAS policy, which was in line with the EEF's, was "contemptible" and for that reason would "certainly fail".

"ACAS does not want to face up to the facts in these cases because it knows that, once it awards us recognition, EMA will have a runaway victory in engineering."

The dispute took a new turn two weeks ago when APE-Allen decided to recognize AUEW(TASS) as negotiators for those employees UKAPE wants to represent.

This was despite the High Court ruling by Mr Justice May that ACAS had misdirected itself in law by refusing to recommend that the company recognize UKAPE. It is that ruling which is now the subject of next month's appeal.

ACAS is expected, if the Court of Appeal upholds the ruling, to appeal to the House of Lords. Until then the EMA recognition claims are likely to be frozen.

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More tied public house exchanges

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

A draft scheme for a further round of public house "swops", asked for by the Government last May as one way of increasing competition in the industry, has been submitted by the Brewers Society to Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

About 1,000 tied houses out of the 70,000 owned by the six largest brewers are believed to figure in the plan, which is now being assessed by Mr Hattersley to see how far it meets criticisms of heavy concentrations of single brewery ownership in a number of areas.

The number of exchanges suggested is fewer than some in the industry had expected, but the practical difficulties of mounting large swop schemes involving a number of breweries and a range of properties are considerable.

The last big swop a year ago, of nearly 450 public houses and involving Allied Breweries, Bass Charrington and Courage, took four years to arrange in detail.

The plan has been drafted following a computerized study of all the Petty Sessions divisions aimed at pin-pointing where the big brewers might have a local monopoly of tied houses.

It has apparently been established that the smaller regional brewers, some of which have been seeing better than average growth from the demand for "real ale", will not in general be brought into the scheme.

Move to develop different sources for aluminium

By Our Industrial Staff

Developments around the world by leading companies to discover methods of producing aluminium by using less energy are to be taken a step further by the Canadian Alcan Aluminium and Aluminium Pechiney of France.

The two companies are to study the feasibility of building an alumina plant with an annual capacity of 50,000 to 100,000 tonnes, utilizing their jointly-developed H-Plus process. This is designed to extract alumina, aluminium's source material, from ores other than traditional bauxite, such as clays, kaolins or carboniferous shales, abundant in Europe and North America.

Aluminium companies have faced pressure on two fronts in recent years to develop new processes. They are the big increases in power costs and moves by the leading bauxite-producing countries, mostly in the tropical regions, to set much higher base rates for the ore.

News International to sell 16pc of its shares in London Weekend Television

By Peter Wainwright

News International, publishers of *the News of the World* and *The Sun* will shortly report the sale of 2,600,000 shares, just over 16 per cent, in LWT (Holdings), the parent of London Weekend Television. News International plans to keep its remaining 23 per cent stake.

Cazenove, LWT's stockbroker placed the shares early last week with more than 30 institutions. The "A" non-voting shares went at about 137p a share. They closed in the stock market at 144p at the end of last week, having swung between 157p and 106p this year.

LWT recently reported a £1m climb to £6.1m in pre-tax profits after £6.93m in Exchequer levy for the year to July 23.

The group made little progress in the second half of the year, and Mr John Freeman, the chairman, warned shareholders that heavy spending on programmes would probably mean little headway this year as well.



Mr Rupert Murdoch: paved the way for present chairman.

LWT paid a sharply higher dividend, taking its last chance to use the freedom from dividend restraint it won when the shares were introduced to the stock market by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, in June, 1977.

The group has also been in the headlines because of the three-year deal giving ITV exclusive rights to screen all League football matches for three years.

News International is moving to forestall any action that may follow the Annan Report on broadcasting. It thought that it would be asked before next August to lower its 39.7 per cent holding in LWT to less than 25 per cent. It has therefore decided to sell at a time of its own choosing.

Its association with London Weekend has been a long one. It originally took over a stake held by GEC, and Mr Rupert Murdoch, the News chairman, put £500,000 into the group in return for non-voting shares.

The Australian newspaper proprietor was soon at the centre of a reorganization, but it was accepted that in six months of 1971 he transformed a company whose finances and morale had been ebbing.

He paved the way for the entry of Mr Freeman, who had been Ambassador in Washington, as chairman.

Hauliers issue reply to commission criticisms

By Edward Townsend

Britain's road haulage industry, angered by accusations of inefficiency from the Price Commission, has launched its own strong attack on the commission for the use of inaccuracies, imprecise proposals, irrelevancies and the making of wrong assumptions.

The commission's report, published last month, said that profits in road haulage had steadily declined in recent years and the industry's costs were generally greater than those "which ought to be incurred by efficient suppliers".

Road Haulage Association officials have since denied most of the commission's criticisms, and today submitted to Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, a five-page memorandum setting out the industry's response.

The commission, it said, had failed to recognize that the constant spur of competition compelled hauliers to take such steps and opportunities as were available to ensure that in the operating conditions prevailing in the industry, they carried out their work with the greatest possible efficiency and at the lowest cost.

Most of the commission's suggestions towards achieving greater efficiency relied upon the cooperation of bodies such as unions and customers, but its report had wrongly assumed that this could be easily secured or "that it will have results as significant or as widespread as those expected by the commission".

Other suggestions, such as a reduction in empty running, "ignore many of the practical difficulties which are experienced in attempts to improve the balance of loading and of which the theorists are apparently unaware".

The commission said that road haulage price increases should not exceed the rate of inflation in the coming 12 months, but the RHA says there is no justification for such constraints.

The costs of goods and services covered by the retail price index were neither directly nor completely relevant to the expenses incurred in road haulage.

Increases in the cost of vehicles, fuel, wages and vehicle excise duties had a significantly greater impact on haulage costs than on the retail price index.

The RHA refutes the suggestion that rises in fuel prices and wages are costs which the industry should absorb.

The memorandum states that unless hauliers are allowed to regain reasonable profit margins and obtain sufficient revenue to replace their vehicles, there will be fewer operators and fewer efficient vehicles.

"If that situation is allowed to develop, it will be seen that the commission's investigation and its report will have failed in its ostensible purpose of protecting the interests of the consignors of goods."

Coffee producers agree ways to stabilize prices

Guatemala City, Nov 26.—Eight coffee-producing countries yesterday announced agreement on measures to stabilize coffee prices.

The agreement was announced in a brief communiqué issued after a one-day meeting here of the "Bogota Group" of coffee-producing countries—Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

The communiqué said that coffee supplies this year were lower than last year, which permitted expectations of high prices for exporting countries.—Reuter.

The Scottish National Trust Company Limited

13% Earnings Increase
13% Dividend Increase
10% Net Asset Value Increase

The results for the year ended 30th September 1978 are good and the net asset value of 216p per ordinary stock unit is another record.

Due to the constraints imposed by the International Monetary Fund, we have enjoyed a moderate recovery in this country and the rate of inflation has declined to approximately 8 per cent. With the way that wages negotiations are developing at this time, inflation will probably worsen before getting better. The real battle on the wages front is in the public sector; the fact that profitable and productive private industry is willing and able to pay a certain increase in wages is no reason for assuming that unprofitable state owned undertakings and unproductive government departments can do likewise.

Since the close of our financial year, a financial crisis has developed in the United States. Persistent balance of payments and budget deficits have undermined the dollar whose value began to fall at such a rate that emergency measures were needed to stabilise the position. Interest rates have risen substantially and this will mean a considerable increase in loan interest charges in the current year. We therefore have to be cautious in our outlook for the coming year and, to offset the effects on our revenue account, we have repaid $3,000,000 of the overseas currency loan for the time being.

Copies of the Annual Report, containing the Chairman's Statement to shareholders in full, may be obtained from the Secretaries, Gartmore Investment (Scotland) Limited, Ashley House, 181-195 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2HB.

MANAGEMENT

Three strands in the added value argument

Over the past two weeks we have been publishing information and comment on the nature, use and application of the added value approach. Contributors so far have been enthusiasts for added value. This week, by way of concluding the debate, we publish (below) the views of a sceptic.

From the material published, and from the response of readers, it has become apparent that the added value approach is not one, but three. In the first place there is the macro-economic approach, as developed by Geoff Wood, of the Centre for Innovation and Productivity at Sheffield Polytechnic, and F. E. Jones, in the National Westminster Bank Review.

Using this approach, added value becomes a tool for comparing the capacity of countries, or their industries, for creating wealth; and a means of examining why one such country (Japan, for instance) can and does outstrip another.

Secondly, there is the management approach, as developed, among others, by the British Work-Measurement Data Foundation, which has made a study of the subject. This approach, so the theory goes, provides management with a tool for examining the overall performance of a company and for assessing, in particular, its manufacturing and pricing policies. The British Work-Measurement Data Foundation cites, in particular, the turnround at BTR in the 1970s

Thirdly, there is the participative or —from the fervour with which its virtues are preached—the messianic approach. Prominent among the proponents of this approach are Tony Guy, who wrote for us last week, and Sir Hector Laing, of United Biscuits. They hold that an explanation of added value is the best way of demonstrating to employees how wealth is created; and that—when added value is used as the basis for some form of profit-sharing—it can be invaluable as a means of channelling reward

Partly because of the enthusiasm of its champions, and partly because the problem that they are prepared to tackle so boldly is one of the most intractable of those facing British industry, it is this third approach which has captured the most attention. It has to be said, though, that however useful a tool in this respect added value may be, in all probability any management which devoted a comparable amount of time to consulting the hopes, beliefs and prejudices of its workforce would win a comparable degree of loyalty and commitment: it is the men that matter, not the system.

In respect of the second approach added value can only be a part of any management's controls: As Mr Amey suggests below, it is not an adequate substitute for relevant and up-to-date information.

The first approach is, for the moment, academic, despite some strenuous attempts to attract the attention of the politicians. It should not be dismissed on that account, however. The evidence which the academics are producing on the importance of added value is interesting. If their theories were to be applied they could have a dramatic effect on the way in which we in Britain, at least, approach the problem of our industrial future.

Adrienne Gleeson

No panacea for our industrial ills

The case for using added value as a measure of corporate performance has been advanced over the past four to five years. There now exists a significant body of opinion which seems convinced that the use of added value will lead to a more effective set of comparative measures, or at the very least complement traditional financial ratio analysis.

Such a use certainly highlights the problems faced by the United Kingdom manufacturing industry in a new and perhaps more informative manner.

The use of added value measures and analysis of its distribution between the factors of production has also been supported by those concerned about the provision of information on organization performance as an aid to greater employee participation.

In the July, 1977, Green Paper on the future of company reports, the Government comes out firmly in favour of the inclusion of added value statements for just that purpose. These then are two benefits potentially available from the use of added value as a measure of industrial performance.

However, appreciation of these positive benefits is in danger of being obscured by the arguments of those who suggest that added value be used as a basis for payment systems. Their case is usually related to the need to improve productivity and the potential benefits to be obtained by paying employees directly for such improvements by linking payment to the corresponding increase in added value.

Suggestions for linking these two range from the use of added value as a basis for national incomes policy, to its use as a traditional bonus scheme. It is not clear how such schemes would deal with the immediate situation in an organization, nor why they should or could lead to a change in behaviour.

Before examining the form of such payments it might be helpful to restate the general requirements of a wage/salary system. It must be of a size and form to attract people into the organization; be seen by each participant as fair in relation to the nature and amount of work he is asked to do; be seen as fair in relation to what others get for what they do; keep an acceptable balance between an individual's pay and the pay of his subordinates and superiors; be right in relation to what individuals believe other organizations pay for comparable work; provide some kind of reward-related careers structure; keep pace with external movements in prices.

With such a variety of demands on the system it is hardly surprising that the wage salary system employed by any one organization is invariably a mix of sub-systems. It may include at the same time people who are paid under the following seven systems, flat rates, hourly, weekly or monthly, some or all of which rates may be based on job-evaluation (in which case there will usually be more than one scheme and can be as many as five); flat rates plus a bonus (depending upon what some other group earns on its bonus scheme); a time or money piecework or bonus scheme based on group working, a time or money piecework or bonus scheme based on individual output with or without a quality sanction; graded rates with automatic incremental points progress according to age or length of service; graded rates with incremental points progress depending on appraisal of performance, and finally individual negotiated salaries with or without participation in financial and/or non-financial fringe benefits.

There may be other variations, but it is usual to find within one organization at least four of the above; one sometimes finds six; and it is not remarkable to find all seven. How do added value schemes stand in relation to this, and what do they offer?

In its narrowest application the use of added value as a bonus is presented as follows: take an historical reference period where volume and mix of activity is agreed to be typical; determine the sales revenue, and deduct from it the purchases of raw material and services (these need to be defined for comparative purposes) to establish the added value.

> Value added cannot be expected to cure the problems of bad industrial relations

Calculate wages and salaries paid during the period as a percentage of this added value. During the next period, say four weeks, continue to pay wages and salaries on the same basis; then, at the end of the period calculate what wages and salaries would have been paid if their percentage of added value had held constant.

If during this period the added value had increased through more effective use of material space, machinery or manpower, or through increased prices, then the calculated percentage would represent a sum of money greater than that which had been paid. The difference is paid out as a bonus either totally or some agreed percentage. The return to each individual is a common percentage of his gross earnings during the period.

A different approach is adopted by Brian Wilson, writing in *Management Today*. He suggests that "the fundamental requirement in developing a progressive incomes policy is to establish a definitive relationship between the percentage of wealth created (added value) which is distributed, and the capital invested per employee . . . using such a relationship an incomes policy could simply state that no company may distribute a higher proportion of its added value than that which equates to its current level of capital investment".

Such a policy, he argues, would allow firms with high productivity to pay high rewards and prevent firms with low productivity from paying any more than a modest increase to compensate for inflation. This must be the ultimate in government intervention: a statutory obligation on employers to act as they would were they operating in a free-enterprise economy.

Neither of these approaches concerns itself with the enormous problem of moving from the existing wage/salary set-up, to the desired state. It is not clear whether the added value approach accepts the status quo, or some part of it; and in either case, whether the success of the approach depends to any extent on the degree of satisfaction with which the current wage/salary structure is viewed by all the parties involved.

None of the added value bonus/incomes policy proposals constitutes a wage or salary system. At best they might satisfy the first and last of the requirements listed above. They have nothing to contribute to the resolution of requirements two to five. Instead, a great deal of emphasis is placed on increasing the size of the doughnut through the medium of "educating employees in the basic economics of the company's performance—implementation of joint action plans to gain improved performance to the mutual benefit of company and employees".

But the opportunities to do this have always existed. How will an added value scheme remove the barriers which have prevented progress so far? Or is it to be expected that simply by concentrating attention on the understanding of the nature and distribution of added value the barriers will fall down?

The evidence culled from companies which have been using such schemes for many years suggests that added value is unlikely in and of itself to bring about any permanent improvement. Since 1956 Carl Frost of Michigan State University has been researching the experience of companies which have been using the Scanlon plan—the first of all such added value schemes—for 20 to 30 years. Frost argues that for this type of plan to be successful, it needs to be seen as a process in the total development of the organization.

His research shows that added value plans are the result of improvement, not the cause. They are not wage systems; they are not even incentive schemes in the traditional sense. They will not improve situations created by incompetent executives or inadequate management information systems, nor can they be expected to cure the problems of bad industrial relations. It is unlikely that they will even improve the financially triggered motivation of employees, except in the short term.

They cannot lead to continuing productivity improvement without a sustained effort to design an appropriate organizational structure (which at each stage requires participation only of those who have some involvement in that area of decision-making, have an informed contribution to make and have the authority to implement their decisions); and to critically review the adequacy of the information systems, especially those concerned with stock control, quality control production, planning and management accounting.

If participation in decisions is really to become more widespread, then it is of crucial importance that the management accounting system should provide relevant information, and should not be simply a backward extrapolation of the end-of-year financial accounts.

If the attention paid to added value and its distribution provides the framework within which a fresh attempt to resolve these fundamental problems can be made, it will have made a significant contribution to the improvement of industrial efficiency.

Ronald Amey

Why UBM decided that cash had to be king

The management of a company is often said to be good and sometimes damned as bad. But it is difficult to judge how good a job management is making of the circumstances available unless there is a change in the team or at least of its captain.

At UBM, our second largest builders' merchants, there has been a change of both captain and tactics. Both the old and the new have now had an innings, and outsiders can judge for themselves whether the changes have paid off.

They came in 1974 with a boardroom reshuffle. The company laconically reported that Mr R. C. Thornton had decided for personal reasons to give up his post as managing director and to resign from the board.

Mr Thornton went on to spring clean and streamline Debenhams, a sluggish, sprawling department store chain. Most agree that he did his work well.

His successor at UBM, 47-year-old Mr Michael Phillips, did not start out as a businessman at all. He was that object of suspicion to many provincial industrialists—a merchant banker.

At Philip Hill (now part of Hill, Samuel) he learnt a lot about investment trusts, but nothing, he admitted cheerily, about running things.

After a spell at Automatic Telephone he joined UBM in 1961. He worked his way up on the financial side, and by 1973 he was assistant managing director with particular responsibility for finance, administration and personnel, as well as chairman of three key subsidiaries.

In the boardroom pecking order he was nominally No 4 after Mr Walter Britton, another assistant managing director, Mr Thornton as managing director and Mr Eric Scantlebury the non-executive chairman.

In 1972 pre-tax profits were less than £3.9m; a year later they were £6.5m and in 1974 they were to reach £7.75m. As a percentage of fast-growing sales, margins widened from 4.5 per cent to 6.1 per cent in 1974. And this growth reflected fitness as well as fatness. Earnings a share jumped from 7p to 10.1p.

These figures were seen as a tribute to Thornton policies of buying building supplies in bulk, simplifying a bewildering array of different prices, standardising lines and of imaginative acquisitions.

Typical of these was the takeover in 1970 of Mercian Builders' Merchants, one of the other two big builders' merchants at that time. The acquisition greatly inflated group turnover, but the new company brought in margins of less than 1 per cent. Thanks partly to Mercian, 1970 saw group sales nearly doubled, but assimilating newcomers turned out to have its snags.

Problems in 1974 had a habit of landing on executive desks and refusing to depart.

UBM was no exception. Executives suddenly discovered that counting money was sometimes as important as making it. Cash became king, dethroning sales. The management discovered that borrowings and stocks were too high at a time when profits were falling as the building industry went into recession. No one knew how deep the trough would be. At UBM, as elsewhere, there was a change of pilots.

Under the new regime, spearheaded by Mr Phillips, stocks were turned into cash. The average length of time that customers were allowed to owe UBM money was shortened by three months to two months. People had to go, too. Down went the workforce from 10,500 to around 8,000, in little more than a year.

There was also a retreat from the Thornton policy of standardizing builders' supplies and their prices. In practice this was found to have antagonised the myriad of small customers on whom business in practice depended. However, it is fair to add that the basic business of UBM, as developed by Mr Thornton—that of merchanting building supplies nationwide—remained. Today there are only local gaps to be filled.

Under Mr Phillips cash was king and profits were not even in the court. So-called "performance" suffered. Sales in the lean years actually rose from 1974's £127.5m to nearly £132m a year later, and to £192.6m in the year to last February.

But the overriding need to husband cash and avoid the disposal of large chunks of the business meant that pre-tax profits fell from 1974's £7.25m to £5m in 1975.

Worse was to follow. In 1975-76 pre-tax profits slumped to less than £3m. In 1977 they were only £2.7m. Little wonder that the trade called the latest recession the worst since the end of the war. Then business picked up. In 1977-78 pre-tax profits recovered to £3.6m. Last month the board was able to report that half-yearly profits had more than doubled on a sales gain of little more than a third.

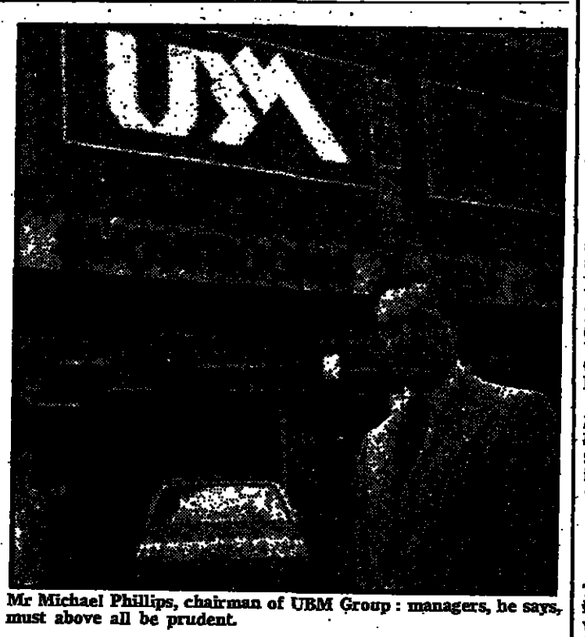
The board must also be aware that not every convalescing company finds a sugar daddy on its doorstep in the shape of Equity Capital for Industry. One suspects that they could hardly believe their luck when in July, 1977, it injected £2.7m for shares at a discount of 6 per cent on the share price at the time.

There was no way UBM was going to get this much desired money on better terms (to the company), and it remains convinced that it was in no position to make a rights issue, or pursuade any other shareholder to put up the money on the same terms.

Meanwhile, it seems to be on the way for pre-tax profits of nearly £7m this year to next February—if winter allows.

I asked Mr Phillips what he had learnt from UBM's experience that could benefit others. Without hesitating, he replied: "The virtues of prudence".

Peter Wainwright



Mr Michael Phillips, chairman of UBM Group: managers, he says, must above all be prudent.

Concrete comes from behind the balustrades

Having spent a year lying low and licking their wounds, Britain's ready-mixed concrete manufacturers are going back on to the offensive.

They will spend up to £15,000 in the next few months on a campaign to remind the public, MPs, local authorities and building contractors of the "continuing achievements" of the industry.

"We have a story to tell and we should not be ashamed to tell it", Mr Ken Newman, director general of the British Ready Mixed Concrete Association (BRMCA), says, though some of his members took a lot of convincing. "After the publicity they had been getting over the past couple of years many seemed more interested in crawling away and dying."

The industry's image has been tarnished by revelations by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) that there existed until recently a countrywide web of price-fixing and work-sharing arrangements among companies supplying ready-mixed.

Now, he believes, the sleepless nights caused by contemplation of the damaging effects on the industry are over. Illegal agreements have been terminated (although court proceedings have not been completed and OFT investigations are continuing). BRMCA has developed a good relationship with the OFT during discussions over its own authorization scheme.

Mr Newman says that it would be wrong to condone infringement of the law by his members, although he contends that to some extent this was done "unwittingly".

"However, I believe that the industry has acted responsibly. Its charges have remained reasonable and responsible. It has not been making enormous profits.

"Work allocation has allowed us to retain a stable industry which can cope with demand and meet an upturn."

A similar line of defence has been adopted by the Building Material Producers. In response to Labour Party proposals to take part of the building materials industry into public ownership, the producers said: "Price or work apportionment agreements . . . were created as a mechanism to protect the industries and their customers against the cost and efficiency consequences of violent fluctuations in the level of demand."

The companies themselves have been more reticent. The silence has been broken by Mr John Camden, chairman of Ready Mixed Concrete, which, with about 400 depots out of a total of 1,200, is the industry leader.

Mr Camden says that in the years before 1973 the industry benefited from a steady expansion of demand. "However, with the advent of the recession . . . . there was for the first time a rapid and substantial fall.

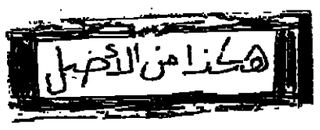
"We consider the advantages accruing to the customer from the arrangements may well have been considerable in recent years. They have made it possible to plan short-term capacity and contain costs, and also to retain flexibility. The retention of valued employees would have become more difficult as the recession deepened if the arrangements had not operated."

As a response by the industry to recession in construction activity, the pricing agreements appear to have been a success. Between 1973, a peak year, and 1977, total output of ready-mixed concrete sunk by more than a quarter, from 31.7 million cubic metres to 23.8 million. Over the same period the number of operating companies has remained remarkably steady, while the number of depots has risen

The ready-mixed industry has not been ravaged by the sort of near-suicidal price-cutting which has characterized other sectors of the construction industry, such as plant-hire.

The advantages and disadvantages for the customer are more difficult to assess. Putting aside longterm considerations, the pricing arrangements can only have served to restrict choice and enforced prices higher than would have resulted from a competitive situation.

John Huxley



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Electricity's place in energy policy

From Mr Norman Jenkins

Sir, Dr Brookes of the UKAEA disagrees with Pearce Wright (November 14)—and presumably many others—in holding the electricity industries to blame for wasting energy.

Where these industries are particularly to blame is that they are still endeavouring to perpetuate the energy position the generation authorities occupied in 1973. It is *energy* we need not electricity, and energy is both heat and power. Both are produced simultaneously and can be maximised in plant designed for this end result.

The Department of Energy's carefully collected statistics show that the demand for electricity is decreasing; every effort is now being made, as the recent Energy Papers 31 and 32 show, to reduce the need for expensive electricity. Microchip, lamp and lighting, motor drive and much more research is showing an increasing trend to a standstill, even decline, in the real need for electricity—although we still need energy.

The example set by Geoffrey Shepherd, chairman of the Midlands Electricity Board at Hereford, shows that heat distribution is practicable and economic. This one example not only saves £750,000 in fuel costs per year, it assures local industries heat at 20 per cent less than it would cost them to produce it for themselves. But much more important is that this also releases capital for investment—not in energy production—but in plant for increasing the manufacturing output. Surely, this is an overwhelming justification for CHP.

Even quite small duplication of such plants as at Hereford can very simply be shown to produce as much electricity as the present vastly more expensive programme for building nuclear reactors. A CHP programme could easily replace the nuclear one, produce more usable *energy* at cheaper rates and be of greater benefit to both industry and the householder in urban areas.

The blind insistence on electricity irrespective of wasting fuel, that was to some extent economically understandable pre 1973, is no longer tolerable. What Dr Brookes's eroneous, biased and somewhat emotional argument is pleading for is an extension of the use of electricity for heating: three tons of fuel to enable one to provide useful heat. The distribution of hot water from central sources is an established technique growing at a rate approaching 100 Km a year in the United Kingdom. In CHP two tons of fuel are used for heat, one for electricity.

It is not electricity at any price we need but production and distribution of balanced energy supplies. This is achievable but not so long as electricity industries continue to obstruct its development. I would quote Sir William Hawthorne responsible for EP 31: ". . . the economic role of combined heat and power in the United Kingdom is currently under examination and (we) consider it potentially so important that the obstacles in the way of its implementation should be continuously kept under review."

Yours faithfully,
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Two-tier interest rate scheme

From Mr George Bowen

Sir, Is it not possible to have a two-tier system of interest rates so that manufacturing industry could benefit from lower rates?

Having been criticized for the low level of investment, the manufacturing companies who took risks have now been clobbered by higher interest rates.

Our small manufacturing company must be typical of many. We have expanded steadily over the past two years. We have invested in modern technology, increased productivity and held down our costs. We are now expanding our staff (although we have great difficulty in finding skilled people), but we are checked because the cost of our medium and short-term borrowing has risen substantially.

We are faced with two alternatives: raising prices and thus fuelling inflation or cutting our investment and employment plans. Can either of these really benefit anybody? A lower interest rate to productive economic sectors would increase investment, productivity and growth, hold down prices and reduce unemployment.

Yours faithfully,
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Francis Bacon 'not guilty'

From Mr Noel Fermor

Sir, While congratulations are due to your contributor Ross Davies (November 7) on spotting Michael Edwardes' imprecise paraphrase of Francis Bacon's dictum on taxes, I must point out the futility of following Lord Macaulay—that prince of literary rogues as Sir Winston Churchill called him—in convicting Bacon of "corruption". That is wrong.

Bacon was ordered by James I to plead guilty to the trumped up charge levelled against him in the House of Lords and there was no trial. His impeachment amounted to *character assassination as can* be discovered from James Spedding, the acknowledged authority, in his *Lord Bacon's Letters and Life*. Later W. Hepworth Dixon and H. Kendra Baker, both barristers, exonerated Bacon completely from the charge of bribery, whether *pendente lite* or not.

To sum up I would add that not one of Bacon's judgments was reversed subsequently—a unique achievement in British legal history.

Yours faithfully,
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Abolition of road fund tax

From Mr Blythe Backhouse

Sir, I like the Government's plan to abolish road tax, though I wish more could be done to discourage affluent owners of big cars from wasting the nation's fuel.

Workers travelling long distances by car will either have to get together and share travelling costs, or buy a smaller vehicle, or move house.

What we need now is vehicle insurance based on milage covered. It could be done if vehicles were fitted with a sealed milage indicator, checked and read at the annual MOT vehicle test.

Yours faithfully,
BLYTHE BACKHOUSE,
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Cornwall.
November 21.

From Mr Tony Fox and Mr Iain Brodie

Sir, While CUT welcomes the idea of removing the bureaucratic and inefficient £50 road fund licence there is a danger that the general public will be conned into paying more tax at the end of the day.

What guarantee does the taxpayer have that government will not use this opportunity to disguise an increase in the total tax take?

Very few motorists average as little as 7,500 miles a year at 30 miles per gallon. Will the reduction in the wage bill at Swansea be handed back to the taxpayer?

Finally, if it can be argued that this move from direct to indirect tax will stop evasion of payment cannot the same argument be used for the abolition of income tax altogether, coupled with a shift to a tax on spending?

Yours faithfully,
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Options for Britain's future

From Mr J. N. Stretton-Downes

Sir, Further to Kenneth Owen's piece of November 13, concerning Professor Stonier's view of the future. In case anyone should conclude that utopia is just around the corner, I should like to fill in the picture.

Only 3 per cent of the present United Kingdom labour force will be required on the land. There is, and will be, only sufficient land for this small labour force to produce 60 per cent of the food we need to consume.

The remaining 30 per cent is and will be imported and paid for in foreign currency earned by exporting. How will we be able to export if United Kingdom industry is uncompetitive—bearing in mind that the Japanese, German and Korean automated robots will, if present showing is anything to go by, be more efficient and competitive than our own?

It is likely that we will be unable to export successfully and United Kingdom industry will be pushed further into the doldrums by the Government's the day being forced into short term panaceas, such as import quotas which will invite retaliation from the few overseas markets we have left.

Thus the scenario could be quite different from that which might be inferred from Professor Stonier's projections, though not at all incompatible with them. Our population could age up underfed as well as unemployed.

Yours faithfully,
J. N. STRETTON-DOWNES,
62 Mount Pleasant,
Norwich.
November 14.

BSC strategy

From Sir Charles Villiers

Sir, Mr Peter Hutton's report of my speech to the Scottish Steel Stockholders headlined: "BSC plans geared to lower steel demand and share of overall market being reduced", which suggests that BSC's home market share ambitions are being reduced. This is misleading and incorrect. In the United Kingdom which is by far BSC's most important market, we are fighting vigorously, and with success, to retain market share.

Sincerely,
CHARLES VILLIERS,
British Steel Corporation,
33 Grosvenor Place,
London SW1.
November 24.

Ulster looks for 40,000 more jobs

Industry in the regions

There was a certain grim humour in the haste with which the provisional IRA disclaimed responsibility for the *recent bombing of the Bass* Island brewery in Northern Ireland.

The authorities reason that any sympathy that may remain for the terrorists on either side would rapidly vanish once it was thought their activities had become directed at industrial targets and could lead to the loss of jobs when unemployment is running at 11.8 per cent in the province.

For very different reasons the Northern Ireland office is anxious to make the point that the so-called "Winter offensive" of bombings is never usually directed at industrial targets. The fact is that investment from overseas is coming in strongly, particularly from the United States, and fears that manufacturing industry *might suffer, may well dissuade* prospective newcomers from choosing Northern Ireland as a base.

The point might be made that it is a pity the terrorists do not discriminate sufficiency to treat service industries in the same way. The fact is that warehouses and commercial premises usually employ comparatively few people and no organized protest at terrorist activities is likely to be forthcoming from a small labour force.

The fact is that since the troubles began some ten years ago only 800 jobs have been lost as a direct result of bombings of small works in a factory complex in 1971-2.

There is no doubt that the television image of Northern Ireland as a blazing battleground seriously affected incoming investment in the first half of the 1970s, although existing industry continued to expand but at a slower rate than in the 1960s.

Between 1970 and 1977 only one United States firm established itself in Northern Ireland. The picture changed with the appointment of Mr Roy Mason, as Secretary of State for the province. He started appealing to industrialists where appeals have most effect, the profit and loss account.

Energy costs were 40 per cent higher in Northern Ireland than on the mainland because new electricity generating capacity was being laid down and had to be paid for. Demand had not lifted, as had been expected, because of the troubles.

Mr Mason poured into the electricity services £250m to bring costs down to near United Kingdom levels. An incentive package to entice new industry was prepared, research and development encouraged and a promotional campaign launched.

Mr Brian Lyttle, director of the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Organization, said: "We tried to project the reality of Northern Ireland in a factual, calm, unemotional, way.

Mr Mason and ministers undertook overseas promotional tours to the United States, Japan and Europe. Mr Lyttle said: "The result is the number of firms expressing interest in Northern Ireland has quadrupled.

"Since the campaign started to the end of September this year we had 60 visits compared with 15 in previous years. We have had five new positive investment decisions from America in 1978 compared with one in the preceding seven years.

"They look like producing 3,500 new jobs. We are not being given an objective cracking of the whip."

Overseas investors were prepared to come, he said.

"We are happy to be evaluated on commercial criteria" he went on. "A lot still need to be done. To get our unemployment figure down to 7 per cent we need 40,000 new jobs over the next three to four years because our manufacturing sector is shrinking, as it is in most advanced economies."

One of the new investors the De Lorean Motor Company which will open a plant in west Belfast in a year's time to make the much publicized DMC 12 sports car. About 800 people will build the factory which will eventually provide 2,000 jobs.

Another 6,000 jobs will be either provided or safeguarded in service industry spin-offs from De Lorean.

On more than one occasion Mr Mason has stressed the need to attract new investment and new jobs and to encourage and expand existing industry.

One particularly bright star in the Northern Ireland firmament is the government-owned Short Bros & Harland making aircraft and missiles.

The company, which employs about 6,000 people has a good forward work load. One of the biggest constraints is a shortage of engineers and experienced middle management. The Foreman does not envisage expanding to more than 7,500 workers.

Ronald Kersha

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Symptoms of the malaise in shipping

rries in the stock market on iat P & O was going to the t for help—firmly denied by the were only the latest symptom of e which afflicts the shipping not surprising that the rumours ie credence, for the company's history (replacement of shipandy Marshall by chairman Lord s chief executive in September), xceedingly treacherous waters h the whole of the world's shipry is wallowing at the moment, present a very threatening outth P & O and its competitors.

lem of over-capacity is no longer tankers. Indeed, it is possible ker crisis may be past its worst. some 328 of the world's tanker up at the end of September, g roughly 11 per cent of total ut at least tanker capacity is no ing: in fact the scrapping rate is g at almost twice that of new The bankers who lent hand over days before the oil crisis are t of choppy waters: but those survived so far can at least conhemselves at being through the storm.

they can assuming that tankers lent on. For it is now apparent problems besetting the tanker id financiers) have been transolesale to other trades.

e two reasons for this. By far serious has been the desire of ts to keep their shipyards busy, by subsidising purchases. With tankers drying up in the wake crisis, capacity has been transhe construction of bulk carriers, recently to the construction of the liner and container trades. ems created already obvious the owners of bulk carriers, and or those of liners and container e been exacerbated by the of Russia as a major carrier by trans-Siberian railway) and sea.

resting question at the moment her the bulk carrier business will

With deliveries running well he scrapping rate, unless world oves dramatically, it will. The on is to what extent owners in id container trades can keep their roblems at bay.

rt with a built in advantage, in pricing arrangements, unlike e tanker or bulk carrier trades, . Whether they will be strong hold rates in the face of a subcrease in the capacity of owners o their arrangements remains to illips & Drew, in a recent circu-



ape, chairman of P & O, who has the chief executive's functions.

ated the size of the problem in containers (and therefore in relaritain's biggest shipping company pacity is due to rise by 30 per in the next 18 months, and while hat will be absorbed by replacis most unlikely that the rest can ed up by an increase in world

such a revival in trade, the probthat conditions for most shipping s are going to get worse, rather ter, within the next two years. ompanies have, of course, a backhe Department of Industry's offer ratorium on capital repayments, rtain conditions (including the agreement of their bankers). So far, despite many discussions, very few companies have applied for this assistance. The probability is that their numbers will be rising in the next two years.

Compensation

A deadlock appears likely

Those close to the negotiations on nationalization compensation are taking with a *pinch of salt the soothing remarks* of Industry Minister, Mr Gerald Kaufman, that last week's further payment on account had been made possible because of the progress made so far with stockholders' representatives.

Indeed the cynical interpretation is that the talks have got so bogged down that the £37.7m stage payment announced last Thursday has been made to buy the Department of Industry more time.

Certainly the patience of GEC and Vickers, whose compensation for their joint holdings in British Aircraft Corporation is the largest outstanding claim, is wearing thinner as the timetable is stretched out.



Mr Gerald Kaufman : further compensation payments on account were made last week.

And whereas both were noticeably more sanguine during the summer about a speedy outcome to the talks, particularly after the reasonably generous £60m payment to Hawker Siddeley for its airframe interests, this now appears to be evaporating fast.

For GEC with its handsome cash balance the possible £100m that many outsiders reckon to be fair for its half share in BAC may not appear too pressing a requirement although its recent US bid may be no more than a preamble to its widely publicized ambitions across the Atlantic. For Vickers, its £100m (plus another £25m for its shipbuilding interests) share would help to *relieve a relatively highly geared balance* sheet and get its trimmed-down capital spending programme on the move again.

What appears to be upsetting the companies involved is the way officials conducting the negotiations appear to be content to tread water on the issue. Whether or not though the companies will soon conclude they have no option but to go to arbitration is another matter since such a step would foul up the talks completely. Meanwhile, there is increasing talk that an outside shareholder will threaten the Government with taking the whole business to the European Court. While there are grounds for thinking that there is some legal foundation for such a move, the Department of Industry continues to argue that the sovereignty of Parliament is paramount.

Plainly one of the stumbling blocks that has cropped up recently is the seeming generosity of the terms offered to shipbuilders after the financial morass the British Shipbuilders' annual report revealed a couple of weeks back. Shipbuilding and aerospace are quite different propositions, however, which is all the more reason for thinking that it should stop dragging its heels over BAC.

Ten-year record of the top five

Ranking by turnover	Company	Item	Accounting period ended		1966	1968	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
1	BRITISH PETROLEUM CO.	Net Capital Employed	£000	Dec. 31	1,527,700	1,927,900	1,971,600	2,117,500	2,293,600	2,941,400	3,635,500	4,296,100	5,124,500	5,517,500
		Ratio of Turnover to *Net Capital Employed			1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.2	2.6	2.0	2.9
		Net Profit before Interest and Tax	£000		371,200	384,300	466,500	738,500	778,400	1,212,300	2,495,500	1,526,400	1,359,600	2,933,500
		% to *Net Capital Employed			24.8	24.2	25.5	37.6	36.7	52.9	81.8	44.7	45.6	46.7
2	'SHELL' TRANSPT & TRADING (1)	Net Capital Employed	£000	Dec 31	1,825,567	1,961,690	2,005,291	2,173,208	2,363,900	2,512,583	3,111,600	3,745,300	4,461,200	5,092,400
		Ratio of Turnover to *Net Capital Employed			1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.6
		Net Profit before Interest and Tax	£000		315,667	355,435	397,348	491,430	500,354	855,802	1,730,000	1,481,600	1,551,200	1,713,400
		% to *Net Capital Employed			19.3	18.4	20.3	24.5	23.0	36.3	65.8	46.0	44.1	39.4
3	B.A.T. INDUSTRIES (2)	Net Capital Employed	£000	Dec 31	607,000	667,720	778,000	833,740	913,320	1,295,100	1,445,610	1,742,360	2,373,000	2,492,000
		Ratio of Turnover to *Net Capital Employed			2.6	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.5
		Net Profit before Interest and Tax	£000		130,500	141,560	187,590	169,610	178,360	249,660	305,760	327,199	429,000	472,000
		% to *Net Capital Employed			25.2	23.3	25.1	21.2	21.4	27.3	24.2	22.7	23.3	19.4
4	IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	Net Capital Employed	£000	Dec 31	1,505,400	1,581,300	1,713,000	1,851,500	1,956,800	2,216,300	2,493,200	2,841,000	3,629,000	3,695,000
		Ratio of Turnover to *Net Capital Employed			0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.1
		Net Profit before Interest and Tax	£000		193,100	212,700	186,400	191,600	217,500	417,000	581,700	427,000	655,000	612,200
		% to *Net Capital Employed			12.9	14.1	12.4	11.3	11.7	21.5	26.2	17.1	23.1	16.9
5	UNILEVER LTD.	Net Capital Employed	£000	Dec. 31	542,500	548,000	570,500	563,900	644,900	728,100	836,900	979,000	1,268,100	1,421,200
		Ratio of Turnover to *Net Capital Employed			2.9	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.9	2.5
		Net Profit before Interest and Tax	£000		75,000	65,000	74,100	69,200	168,200	149,400	175,800	227,550	368,400	340,200
		% to *Net Capital Employed			13.9	12.6	13.5	15.6	17.9	23.2	24.1	27.2	33.3	27.5

* Net capital employed at beginning of year.
(1) Based on 40 per cent of Royal Dutch/Shell Group.
(2) Figures for years 1967-75 relate to British-American Tobacco Company.

How the biggest companies compare

Margaret Allen looks at the latest edition of 'The Times 1000'

What was the biggest reported loss by a company last year? The answer is £42m and the unlucky company was Texaco.

Which is Britain's most efficient company and what does it do? The chances are that the company which first springs to mind will not be CBS United Kingdom, yet in terms of return on capital employed this record and music outfit, a wholly owned subsidiary of an American company, led the field. It makes £243.90 on every £100 invested in the business.

The Times 1000, the latest edition of which has just been published, will also tell you how many Japanese banks have branches in the United Kingdom (21) and how Britain's largest electrical company compares in size with the biggest in the United States (General Electric of the United Kingdom, the country's tenth largest company, has a turnover of £2,054m compared with £9,421m for General Electric of America.

Each year the publication tries to expand to produce new tables which have hitherto not been available, at least in tabular form to enable comparisons of size to be made at a glance. This year a list of the top 25 trade unions and top 25 employers' associations is included.

The number of members is taken as the main criterion of size for the trade unions and figures for members' contributions, net income and funds are also given. However one looks at it, the Transport and General Workers' Union is the biggest and it, together with the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, towers above all other unions.

Its 1.9 million members provide almost £17m in contributions. Its net income is now well over £3m and its total funds are more than £32m. Altogether six unions have a net income which tops £1m mark

The number of members was not appropriate as the chief criterion of size for the employers' associations, and subscription income has been used instead. No 16, the Cement Makers' Federation, for example, has only six members but has achieved a subscription income of £298,792.

It is obvious, however, whatever way one looks at employers' associations, they are much smaller than the trade unions. The biggest is the National Farmers' Union, which has a subscription income of close on £4m. It also has the largest membership at 134,724, its net income is a little over £500,000 and its total funds are £6m.

Unlike the trade unions, some employers' associations show a loss and not a net income. There are four of them, the biggest deficit being that of the National Federation of Retail Newsagents at £23,000.

One relative newcomer to the publication, the top 50 leading United Kingdom advertisers, has shown little change over the year, though HM Government has slipped from third to fifth place. Reed International, Rowntree Mackintosh and Procter & Gamble have moved into the top 10 in the last year. Tesco comes in at nineteenth place, not having made the top 50 last year.

Problems of comparability are inevitable in a publication which spans a number of different countries. British investors are entitled by law to far more information about companies than investors in other European countries, apart possibly from West Germany.

Extel Statistical Services, which has provided almost all the tabulations in the book uses declared turnover in grading European companies. This is usually net for French companies and gross for most others. Wherever available consolidated accounts and, as a consequence, consolidated turnover have been used. That is just one of the problems.

Profit figures are another. In a number of cases, for example, *consolidated turnover may* be available, but consolidated profits are not, and only the parent companies' own profits are included.

An EEC directive should eventually remove all these variations.

When it comes to the very biggest industrial companies changes in ranking occur infrequently from one year to the next, although there are readily discernible trends over longer periods. To help readers a 10-year record table for the top 50 companies has been included. It shows how capital employed, the ratio of turnover to capital employed, net profit before interest and tax, and the percentage of net profit to capital employed have moved over the past decade.

At British Petroleum for instance, the return on capital employed almost doubled, between 1968 and 1977. At Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation, in contrast, the return has barely altered, declining a little over the same period.

There is a change however, this year at the very top. BP, for many years now, the leading company in the United Kingdom in terms of sales, is now the biggest company in Europe replacing another oil industry giant, Royal Dutch Shell. Of course, putting together the Dutch and UK ("Shell" Transport and Trading) oil partnership, produces an international grouping, which is not far behind the United States Exxon Corporation, the world's biggest company, also in the oil industry.

The Times 1000 1978-79 *is available at bookshops at £9 or, in case of difficulty, at £9.85p (to include postage and packing) from The Times Books Ltd, 18 Ogle St, London, W1.*

THE TOP 25 TRADE UNIONS

Rank	Name—General Secretary	Number of members	Members contributions £	Net income £	Funds £
1	Transport and General Workers' Union *M. Evans*	1,929,834	16,763,945	3,338,974	32,452,579
2	Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers *L. Daly*	1,421,132	15,446,000	2,937,000	16,207,000
3	National Union of General & Municipal Workers *D. Basnett*	945,324	10,421,650	986,349	17,143,972
4	National Union of Public Employees *A. W. Fisher*	693,097	6,416,119	2,535,370	7,737,572
5	National and Local Government Officers' Association *G. Drain*	623,011	8,418,000	2,868,000	5 785 000
6	Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers *Rt. Hon. Lord Allen of Fallowfield*	441,539	3,966,469	877,953	4,440,715
7	Association of Scientific, Technical & Managerial Staffs *C. Jenkins*	441,000	5,660,100	1,029,729	2 471,656
8	Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union *F. J. Chapple*	432,528	3,702,971	234,543	5,993,124
9	National Union of Mineworkers *L. Daly*	370,541	3,263,356	152,550	1 340,693
10	Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians *G. F. Smith*	297,264	3,189,975	233,117	2 196 786
11	National Union of Teachers *F. Jarvis*	296,082	2,479,465	706,353	5 078,269
12	Civil and Public Services Association *K. R. Thomas*	230,905	2 772,844	917,199	2,976 146
13	Confederation of Health Service Employees *E. A. G. Spanswick*	211,636	1,960,256	528,810	1 725,780
14	Society of Graphical and Allied Trades *W. H. Keys*	195,162	2,546,481	287,680	2,853,137
15	Union of Post Office Workers *T. Jackson*	197,247	3,544,738	745,511	3,654,648
16	National Union of Railwaymen *S. Weighell*	177,545	2,905,924	1,105,747	13,260,549
17	Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical & Computer Staff *R. A. Grantham*	146,385	1,763,592	306,826	2,601 040
18	Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths & Structural Workers *J. Chalmers*	129,956	1,477,451	185,047	3 164,663
19	Post Office Engineering Union *B. Stanley*	124,535	1,936,218	501,609	2,646,840
20	National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers *J. Macgougan*	117,640	840,308	126,579	3,251,952
21	Iron & Steel Trades Federation *W. Sirs*	117,401	1,541,862	378,670	8 750,962
22	National Union of Bank Employees *L. A. Mills*	116,739	965,405	77,479	335,302
23	National Graphical Association *J. Wade*	109,438	1,953,321	460,111	8,374,759
24	Society of Civil and Public Servants *B. A. Gillman*	105,320	2,360,699	851,141	2,307,447
25	Institution of Professional Civil Servants *W. McCall*	99,009	1,940,621	503,912	1,484,508

NOTE: "Comprising four constituent branches: Constructional (34,056 members); Engineering (1,168,990); Foundry (56,479) Technical, Administrative and Supervisory (161,807).

Bitterness in India's sugar industry

India's sugar industry is unlikely to be able to fulfil its export quota for the current year, mainly because of conditions in the major ports. India secured an export quota of 830,000 *tonnes under the* International Sugar Agreement for 1978. But the "effective quota" was later lowered to 650,000 tonnes. It is feared that even this quantity may not be fully shipped by the end of December.

India's ports are plagued by congestion, labour unrest and obsolete equipment. In 1977 shipment of sugar through the ports was: Bombay, 127,740 tonnes; Mormugao, 50,332; Vishakapatnam, 34,330; Kandla, 34,100; and Madras, 8,300. The sugar industry has suggested *that* exports of sugar from the factories of Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh should be made through Calcutta. But the lack of adequate handling facilities both at Calcutta and its subsidiary port of Haldia make this seem impractical.

Between 1972 and 1976 India exported substantial quantities of sugar. In 1972, the export total was 98,827 tonnes valued at 125.2m rupees. In 1975, it jumped to 966,066 tonnes worth 4,402m rupees. But in the next two years exports declined to 843,401 tonnes and 254,802 tonnes, valued at *2,605.8m rupees and 588.8m* rupees, respectively.

The Government did not encourage the export of sugar in 1977 because of the need to conserve adequate supplies for the domestic market and also due to the fall in the international prices. The London daily price for raw sugar averaged £114.80 per tonne in 1977 compared to £153.78 per tonne in 1976.

In 1977 the main sugar exports were to Indonesia, Britain, Yemen, Sri Lanka, Egypt and Sudan.

The export problem is particularly important at the moment because of the big accumulation of stocks within the industry. Sugar production in the 1977-78 season reached a record level of 6.47m tonnes, an increase of 34 per cent over the preceding year's 4.84m tonnes. But because of the sluggishness in domestic demand, the factories have accumulated huge stocks. In August this year they stood at 4.4m tonnes which were approximately equal to one year's consumption.

The industry has made *several suggestions to the Government* to dispose of its stocks. The suggestions include creating a buffer stock of about one million tonnes, a revival of the system of monthly release of sugar (which was in force until August this year when the Government decided to decontrol the industry) and reduction in the excise duty from 18.075 per cent *ad valorem* to 11 per cent *ad valorem*. But the Government has not looked favourably on these proposals mainly because of financial constraints. Meanwhile, the Bihar Government has announced that it is to take over all the sugar mills in the private sector on the ground that they are not cooperating with the authorities in starting the crushing operations at the right time and in paying the cane growers promptly.

The Bihar Government's ordinance has been stayed for the time being by the Calcutta High Court. The Central Government also issued an ordinance on November 9 empowering it to take over the management of the sugar mills in the private sector unless they began the crushing operations by November 15 and where the arrears of payment for sugarcane were more than 10 per cent of the purchases on that date.

The ordinances issued by the Government of Bihar and the Government of India have created a great deal of confusion and uncertainty in the sugar industry. It is feared that sooner or later, the industry will be nationalized.

Official policies towards the sugar industry have always been influenced unduly by political considerations because of the anxiety of the political parties to endear themselves to the 25 million cultivators of sugar cane who are concentrated chiefly in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh.

One consequence of this approach has been that the industry's programme of modernization, which is of great urgency and importance from the point of view of cost reduction and export promotion, is not making headway. In 1977-78 the sugar industry is estimated to have incurred a *loss of nearly 2,000m rupees* because of the uneconomic prices at which the mills were compelled to surrender a substantial portion of their production to the Government for distribution at the controlled prices.

There are 141 sugar factories in the private sector. 121 in the cooperative sector and 18 in the public sector. Proposals for setting up 74 new factories and 73 schemes of expansion of the existing factories are yet to be implemented.

It remains to be seen to what extent these proposals will materialize because of the climate of uncertainty caused by the policies of the central and the state Governments. Meanwhile, the prospects of Indian sugar once again entering the world market in a big *way in the coming years have* received a sharp setback.

R. J. Venkateswaran

Business Diary in Europe: Satisfied consumers • View with a room

ional Consumer Couned in 1975, has at last ace as a full member ropean union of conanizations, the BEUC. the NCC, whose is Michael Shanks, a ropean Commissioner, ecorded only associs, which meant it te in BEUC on major he reason given was NCC was not a proper organization since it inted and funded by nment.

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at least relieve BEUC's ssed staff of some of etary worries.

bis, as those of you who udied Egyptian hieroglyphics will remember, is a bird with long legs, a longish neck and a slender bill. The Hotel Ibis, as those of you who have studied recent French hotel guides will remember, is a chain of those modern sleeping places that spring up round motorways and airports to serve the travelling businessman.

The chain, which was formed by Novotel in 1973, has since opened 24 hotels around France with a total of 2,733 rooms, and another *nine hotels* and 606 rooms should be ready by the middle of next year. Clearly they find running them profitable; but if you had wanted to find out how much a room cost last week it would have been impossible.

In the enthusiastic words of the hand-out, the chain was "appealing to the user's objectivity; and the dynamic exchange generated between supplier and utilizer should make marketing history". Translated, that means that for three days last week 15,000 guests making one-night stops were being invited to pay the hotel as much as they thought the accommodation was worth, rather than being told how much they had to pay.

Just what the result of this bold exercise in sticking out necks has been Ibis cannot yet say. They are still analysing their findings.

They can, however, tell you that in a poll last year when guests were asked whether they were getting value for money the average visitor gave them 6.9 on a scale of 10.



Slender bill of the Ibis . . .

The average guest, by the way, is likely to be a salesman (55 per cent are), in a technical job (20 per cent) or in administration (9 per cent). For 85 per cent of the time the guest will be a man and for 72 per cent he will be there as part of a business trip.

For 72 per cent of the time, too, he will have arrived by car, and for 10 per cent by train. For 9 per cent he will, in the words of that hand-out, have "come by fly", which means that he must be a very small and unusual person.

Whether last week he was making small and unusual payments remains to be seen.

■ Former cabinet ministers in Holland do not fade away—they go into business. A survey just published shows that over the past six years—a period spanning three cabinets—no fewer than 23 former ministers, six out of every seven of those who abandoned politics, went into private enterprise.

None the less, the big Dutch multinationals like Philips and Shell are, apart from the odd directorship, not so keen on them. They prefer their own people, especially those who have come up the hard way via foreign subsidiaries.

Capacity for international management is the most sought-after virtue.

The cushiest billet for ex-politicians seems to be in the newer, large corporations which have had neither the time nor the facilities to train their own people.

Another rest home is banking. The big Dutch banks are keen to recruit former cabinet members with appropriate on-the-job training, which explains the popularity of former finance ministers such as Dr Willem Duisenberg, who held that post in the former Labour-dominated government, and who from next January will be an executive director of the Rabo Bank, one of the country's three biggest.

He will be joining Pierre Lardinois—twice Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and now the bank's chief executive—not least because it does much of its business with the agricultural community.

■ "I live in Geneva, I buy in Geneva" is the slogan that has been launched, with car-stickers and posters, by the city's Retail Traders Association. The aim is to make people think twice about the economic repercussions of flocking across the nearby French frontier for Christmas shopping at dramatically lower prices.

Similar campaigns are being inaugurated at Basle, by the West German frontier, and Lugano by the frontier with Italy.

The Swiss retail trade in frontier areas has taken a fall of up to 15 per cent in turnover this year, since customers need drive no more than 10 minutes to profit from the Swiss franc's appreciation against other currencies, not only in foodstuffs but also in durables, in particular furniture and cars.

Ross Davies

Amber Day

Fashion stores and manufacturers of ladies and children's clothing for mail order companies and multiple groups

Record profits of £1.15m.

Sales rise by £3m to £17.2m.

Acquisition of Crombey Menswear Group for £2.5m.

Substantial increase in current year's sales

8 major units in West End

Privilege discount scheme for shareholders extended to 43 ladieswear and menswear stores

Copies of the 1978 accounts can be obtained from The Company Secretary, Amber Day Holdings Limited, 13 Poland Street, London W1V 3DE.

Mr Tugendhat stresses need for Britain to join EMS at its outset

By David Wood

The United Kingdom looks like taking the plunge next month into the proposed European Monetary System "wearing water-wings", Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Commissioner for the European Economic Community's Budget, said in London at the weekend.

He hoped the Government would quickly learn to swim at the deep end with the rest of the Nine.

He told the annual congress of the European Movement that the EMS would provide a better economic environment, although "it does not absolve any party in power or the British people from taking difficult decisions and reaching the same kind of competitiveness as anyone else".

Starting from the assumption that the United Kingdom was at least as capable as any other country of some chance of success, he said: "It is quite clear that the EMS should be of great benefit, and an EMS including all Nine member states is a great prize worth making a big effort to achieve". He had been encouraged by events of the past few days.

In the EMS was based on creating monetary stability, it would be much better if it included all the Nine. He wanted to see the United Kingdom in because it would make the system more effective, and Mr Callaghan had been arguing that for some time.

"What we are proposing is in line with the long-term aim of British governments to provide a better background against which economic decisions can be taken".

Those who did not regard inflation as the dominant issue now would clearly look sceptically at the EMS; others would recognize it as an external buttress against inflation, not an internal support.

He agreed that there should be a symetry of obligation between strong and weak currencies, so that the strong did not put pressure on the weak.

If the EMS accord with the Bremen Declaration, strong and weak currencies would undertake obligations, so deflation in one country might need to be accompanied by reflection in another country, and intervention in one place might require intervention elsewhere.

"I am terribly worried", Mr Tugendhat said, "that once again we may cut ourselves out of a decision-making process. Decisions will be taken about the relationship between European and other countries, like the dollar, the yen and the pound, but we shall not be present to say what we think should be done".

To be outside the EMS would mean that a country's influence in other areas would not be so great in the Community.

But, as Commissioner for the Budget, he agreed that Britain paid a disproportionate share, which on unchanged policies "is likely to get worse rather than better". Outside the EMS "it would be much harder to secure policy changes".

He continued: "I cannot help feeling that if you have an inner group and an outer ring, countries in the outer ring will find it harder to get their voices heard.

"There are a lot of things in the EEC Britain would like to see developed and evolved, and that is another reason why we should be there and pulling our weight". If Britain was in from the beginning it would have an influence at the formative stage.

Mr Tugendhat accepted that there were dangers in the EMS because it might be divisive. But that would happen only if Britain turned her back on it.

Staying out would make life harder and more difficult; going in would make it less difficult to attain the objectives of lower unemployment, a better rate of growth, and lower inflation.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the British Council of the European Movement, broadly agreed with Mr Tugendhat's judgment. He showed his anxiety that anti-EEC Labour MPs had published a wrecking manifesto for direct elections to the European Parliament—"a recipe for withdrawal by the back door".

He added: "I find it infinitely sad that a great democratic Labour Party should be urged to send elected members to an infant Parliament for the purpose of strangling it at birth".

He asked when Labour would learn that the best way to persuade Community partners to change "is to convince them that we want to make a success of a united Europe".

Britain's anti-EEC MPs ran the risk of seriously undermining British foreign policy.

Industrial Films

Engineering company wins awards and orders

Edwards of Enfield won film awards and substantial export orders with its six-minute film describing the company's extrusion puller, powered by a linear motor.

Understandably, it has used film again to show a development of the puller, in combination with the automated saw. *The Puller Saw Combination* should do equally good work for this enterprising company.

From the particular to the general: in *Metal Matters* GKN makes a brave attempt to show in 28 minutes the scope of its worldwide activities.

The film covers Europe, Africa, India, the Far East and Australia, and is graced with a kaleidoscopic introduction which skips around the globe and has memorable glimpses of a traffic controller in India. Might that happy, energetic policeman take the film to international awards?

Pattern for Engineering describes the work of the Department of Industry's National Engineering Laboratory at East Kilbride.

Design development and testing are the functions of what is claimed to be one of the largest mechanical engineering research establishments in Europe.

The film provides a colourful catalogue of some of its work, as a widely used service to industry, not least through the "do it yourself Metrology Club" and the Noice Control Club.

A two-part training film from the Electrical Contractors' Association, *Fistful of Power*, deals with the right—and the many wrong ways—of using electric drills and cartridge assisted tools, a serious subject handled with a light touch.

Although primarily for electrical contractors, the film will be useful wherever these tools are widely used. (To buy, £170 each part; hire, £17 for 2 days—from Training Films International, Whitchurch.)

To remind use of earlier engineering achievements, centuries before there were power tools, *Turn to the Wind* from National Sound Reproducers and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is an affectionate, 18-minute study of English windmills.

Eynon Smart

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

After ICI's lack of inspiration focus is on BP's third quarter

After failing to find any inspiration from ICI figures last week the market is now looking forward to third quarter results from British Petroleum reporting later this week.

On the economic front it looks like being a quiet week with only the CBI's monthly trends inquiry, likely to be of much interest in the City.

Airfix starts the week with interim figures due tomorrow. Most regard it as a disappointing company after its stodgy performance last year. Meccano is expected to be even further

This week

down on last year and some say that its highly successful plastic aircraft modelling kits have now reached saturation point.

Most market expectations place the interim profits pre-tax somewhere in the region of £1.9m against £1.55m last time. On a brighter note, however, Christmas is expected to be a busy time for the group and with the scene looking somewhat more cheerful than at its counterpart Dunbee-Combex-Marx figures of between £3.3m and £3.5m are expected for the year.

Tomorrow also sees full year figures from Comet Radiovision now the biggest electrical discount group in the country. The one disappointment in the group's performance so far this year has been its failure to gain control of Henry Wigfall whose rental income would have raised the quality of earnings overall. Nevertheless, with the consumer boom being experienced by most retailers so far this year experts are looking towards profits somewhere in the region of £5.7m compared with £3.9m last year.

Wednesday is the turn of Muirhead, the electro-mechanical and communications group. Some dealers are anticipating



Sir David Steel, chairman of BP.

pre-tax profits somewhere in line with £2.35m compared with £1.6m. In recent weeks there has been a growing impression that this figure could also be extended to about £2.5m. A particularly strong feature of the group is its facsimile transmission activities for newspapers.

On Thursday all attention will be focused on third quarter figures from BP. Most expectations are for figures roughly in line with the group's second quarter performance of £120m although a few estimates are pitched a little higher at £130m. Following Shell's recent disappointing figures where currency losses were heavier than anticipated the market is somewhat cautious towards BP. Dearer crude oil prices will have a greater effect on the group's North Sea and Alaskan oil fields where production in both cases is well up on last year.

Once again a more cautious view is being taken of Racal Electronic's half time figures also on Thursday. Some expect profits to be about £22m compared with £19.4m last time although others are a little more generous quoting £24m. This year the shift between the two halves in the group's profits are likely to become more significant.

Board meetings for this week are:

TODAY: Interims—Chamberlain Phipps, Country Gentlemen's Assoc., Property & Reversionary Inv., Streeters Godalming, Sumrie Clothes, S & U Stores, and Suiter Electrical. Finals—Matthew Brown, J. H. Fenner, and Greencoat Props.

TOMORROW: Interim—Airfix Ind., Blantyre Tea, Brady Inds., G. H. Downing, Fine Art Developments, Hicking Pentecost, Leeds & District Dyers & Finishers, Parkland Textile, Renwick Grp., Royal Bank of Canada (quarterly), Tecalemit, and Transparent Paper. Finals—John Carr (Doncaster), Comet Radiovision Services, and Stock Holders Inv.

WEDNESDAY—Interim—BPB Ind., Brickhouse Dudley, Daily Mail & General TST, J. Dykes (Hldgs)., B. Elliott, Jacksons Bourne End, Johnson Matthey, M & G Second Dual Tst, Moorgate Mercantile, Oceans Wilsons, Routledge & Kegan Paul, Wallis Fashion Grp, Westbrick Products, and Wheway Watson. Finals—Avon Rubber, Dundee & Lon Inv Tst., and Muirhead.

THURSDAY—Interims—BP (9 mth figs), Brasway, Burtonwood Brewery (Forshaws), Crossby Spring Interiorw, Cullens Stores, George Ewer, Gilspur Hargreaves Grp, Marlingnds., Morgan Crucible (9 mth figs), Robert Moss, Racal Electronics, Sangers Grp, Scottish & Universal Inv., 600 Grp, Tranwood Grp, and Whitbread Inv. Finals—Messina (Transvaal) Development (amended), National & Commercial Banking Grp., Tomkinsons Carpets, and Utd Wire Grp.

FRIDAY—Interims — Alpine Soft Drinks, Attwood Garages, and Scapa Grp.—Finals—Swan Hunter.

Michael Clark

Rustenburg pushes platinum price to record $300 an oz

Recent words of caution from Rustenburg and Impala, South Africa's major platinum producers, seem curiously at odds with Rustenburg's announcement on Friday that it is raising its producer price by $20 an ounce, to $300, a record. Impala will almost certainly follow in big brother's wake before long.

Both Mr Ian Greig, the chairman of Impala, and the directors of Rustenburg, whose chairman is Sir Albert Robinson, have indicated in the last couple of weeks that the heights reached by free market platinum—nearly $400 at the end of October and $333 on Friday—are unlikely to be scaled again in the near future. Indeed, Mr Grieg went so far as to say that the high prices continued a sizeable speculative element reflecting the weakness of the dollar and the flight by American investors into physical metal.

He suggested that once the dollar is thought to be realistically priced, or even under-

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valued, investors will switch back into the currency and platinum will fall accordingly. Apparently that is what has happened.

In their annual report Rustenburg's directors take a cautious view of 1978's market, implying that 1979 could be sound but not spectacular. Strong support is expected from car makers who so far have not taken up the full amount of platinum to which they are entitled under agreements made in 1972. About 20 per cent of the company's output goes to Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals which supplies Ford. The price of that contract, thought to be around $270 an ounce, was re-negotiated earlier in the year.

The annual report contains two clues to the price increase. First, the directors point out that after taking into account changes in the dollar/rand rate and rises in production costs the price now equivalent to 1974's $190 would be a surprise, $300. Second Rustenburg's capital investment, part of which is to meet extra demand from Ford, will be R36m (£21.4m) in 1979.

Clearly, there is an argument for narrowing the gap between the free and producer prices anyway. At the old producer price of $280 the difference was too great for the market's comfort. But attempting to underpin the price must depend in large measure on fundament demand for the metal. Mr Grieg feels that the intrusi of the speculator has conceal the essentially healthy state industrial and fabricati demand for platinum. Mark rumours hint, for example, th the Soviet Union has allocat all its spare platinum to pow generation in space and mi tary programmes. This mea that the joker in the pack fluctuations in jewelry makir

The price increase is the fore justified by firm und lying demand, the need invest to meet that dema and too wide a gap betwe the free market and produc prices. Moreover, from t shareholders' angle, it al promises juicy dividends 1979. After several years which their assessment of t market could be questioned, seemes the South African pr ducers may this time have g it right.

The copper guessing season with us again. Amalgamat Metal Trading has stuck neck out in "*Copper Tren 1977-1980*" and the autur issue of "*Metals Analysis: a Outlook*", though more mod in scope, names some pre definite figures.

What is interesting, howev is that both are substantially agreement. AMT sees refin copper consumption for t year amounting to nearly 7 n lion tonnes in the West, an crease of 2.8 per cent over 19 *Metals Analysis* pitches its at between 7 million and million tonnes. But there more of a divergence of vie over 1979. AMT sees a slig fall to around 6.9 million tons and Metals Analysis opts for standstill at 7.15 million. T discrepancy essentially ste from Metals Analysis bei more optimistic about American economy.

On the production side, similar identity preva Western world mine producti this year is expected by AMT slip by 55,000 tonnes, a prec figure, to 6.33 million, picki up again to 6.542 million n year. Metals Analysis pla this year's production at tween 6.1 million and 6.4 n lion tonnes, and 1979's in range 6.25-6.75 million.

But the tricky question is course prices. Some mon back I was bold enough to copper could reach £900 tonne by the end of the y At its present level of £760 cash wire bars I do not app to have much time left. Des the disruption in Zaire and problems in Peru the price in fact held steady for ab six months.

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Business appointments

New chief for Southern Region of CBI



Dr Terence Flitcroft: new chairman of Southern Region of the CBI.

Dr Terence Flitcroft, group chief executive of Unicorn Industries, is to be the new chairman of the Southern Region of the Confederation of British Industry.

Mr John W. Gauntlett, deputy chairman of Ready Mixed Concrete and lately a senior partner at Linklaters & Paines, has joined the board of Thomas Borthwick & Sons as a non-executive director.

Mr George Metcalfe has been made managing director of Renwicks Freight (Holdings). Mr Gordon Fisher has joined Renwicks freight division as operations director, whilst Mr John Townsend (commercial director) has assumed responsibility for marketing. Mr Dennis Taylor, fleet engineer, has been appointed a director of the company.

Mr G. D. J. Hay has been elected a non-executive director of Howard Tenens Services.

Mr Alan R. Taylor has been appointed a director and chief executive of Rawlings Bros.

Mr Christopher Stocker has become a director of Stanley Gibbons Currency.

Mr Godfrey Bland has joined the board of Halls Homes and Gardens, Mr Colin Leake has also joined the board as technical director. Mr Ian McQueen has been appointed to the board of Casey's Camping and Mr Philip Vasey has been appointed financial controller and company secretary.

Mr Ian Mackeson-Sandback, chief executive of Ernest Notcutt Group, has been appointed chairman of Ernest A. Notcutt and Ernest A. Notcutt (Ooverseas).

Mr Dennis Sommersett is to become a director of John Brown (Overseas).

Mr J. I. M. Barratt, general manager of the Wolverhampton branch, is to become a director of James Beattie.

Mr Bob Allen, appointed general manager of Rockwell International Services Power Tool Division in January, has been elected to the board as director and general manager.

Mr Gerald Wightman, company secretary of Allied Textile Companies, has been appointed an additional director.

Mr John Goldsmith, managing director of John Goldsmith Recruitment has been elected chairman of the recruitment division of the Computer Service Association.

Mr J. W. Wyatt, formerly company secretary and a divisional director of Holliday Hall, has been made commercial director of the company.

Mr R. S. Allen, a director of J. & A. Scringeour, has been appointed chairman of the Society of Investment Analysts.

Mr Keith Pybus has been made marketing director of Royal Doulton Tableware (Holdings) in succession to Mr John Bellak who was appointed deputy managing director earlier this year.

Sir Desmond Plummer has been reappointed chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board for a further term of two years.

Dr C. H. Reece joins the main board of ICI with effect from January 1 next. He is currently chairman of plant protection division. Mr A. W. Clements, at present ICI company treasurer, joins the main board on March 1 next. Three division chairmen appointments are: Mr R. I. Lindsell becomes chairman of Mond division in April, 1979, in succession to Dr V. G. Cove, who retires in March. Mr S. E. Blurton becomes chairman of organics division in April, 1979, succeeding Mr J. D. Rigg, who retires. Dr A. Hayes, at present pharmaceutical divisions deputy chairman, becomes chairman of plants protection division from January 1. Mr C. J. Crowe succeeds Mr Clements as treasurer from March, 1979. Mr R. P. Barnett becomes senior executive president of ICI Americas Inc on April 1, 1979, and Mr H. Corless and Mr T. J. Maloney become senior vice-presidents from that date.

INGALL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Turnover up 17%; Profit up 27%

Year to 30th June	1978 £'000	1977 £'000
Group turnover	4,247	3,634
Profit before tax	347	253
Earnings	161	139
Earnings per 10p share	3.07p	2.71p
Dividends per 10p share	1.87p	1.70p

- In what has been a difficult year profits from our three engineering companies increased by 16.5%.
- The funeral furnishing side of our activities has been enlarged and consequently turnover and profit increased during the year.

Given a reasonable economic climate the Directors would expect the Group's trading operations to be satisfactory and view the future with confidence.

The above are extracts from the Chairman's Statement. Copies of the full report can be obtained from The Secretary, 206 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0RH

Transmission may double sales of automatic cars

Borg-Warner, the automatic transmission specialist, foresees the number of automatic cars sold in Britain almost doubling by 1985. At the moment they make up just over 10 per cent of new car sales.

To meet this demand, Borg-Warner has developed a low-cost automatic transmission for small, front-wheel drive cars.

Mr Peter Whybrow, the company's transmission division managing director, said that although more than 90 per cent of Jaguars and up to 70 per cent of Rover cars sold were automatic, it was only 2 per cent of cars like the Morris Marina and Chrysler Avenger.

In the United States 90 per cent of cars sold were automatic.

The move towards automatic driving will be helped by the fact that the proposed new transmission should represent only about 7 per cent of the cost of a small car, one-third less than at present.

The extra cost of automatic transmission is just too high for the buyer of smaller cars.

Mr Whybrow described as "myths and misapprehensions" the views—widely encountered in Britain—that automatic transmission meant higher fuel consumption, poorer acceleration or expensive servicing.

Borg-Warner has 2,000 workers at plants in Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Kenfig, South Wales.

FPA Construction

A 'once and for all blood-letting'

Shareholders in FPA Construction Group face a wait of up to two years before the "once and for all blood-letting" announced by new chairman, Mr Douglas Oliphant, at the end of last week has a chance to restore profitability, growth and dividends.

Even after the 35 per cent profit drop in 1977 and the nil final dividend revealed last March, shareholders hardly had an opportunity to brace themselves for the £1m downturn into losses of £849,000 for the half year to end-June last. They can only hope that the drastic surgery involving the sale of the dominant FPA Finnegan contracting subsidiary to Clugston Holdings will effect the financial stability the group so desperately needs.

The contracting arm is going for £210,000 over book value but inter-company indebtedness of more than £1m will have to be settled by resorting to the use of maximum bank facilities. Finnegan lost £494,000 at the halfway stage against an equivalent profit of £379,000 and it is clear that after the rewarding contracts taken some six years ago, where profits came through in 1975 and 1976, the contracting division has recently weathered the full effects of work undertaken some three years ago.

The subsequent rush to dispose of development sites in order to shore-up Finnegan and improve liquidity has resulted in a further pre-tax deficit of £378,000 in the property division which the group is now committed to sell.

The residual portfolio may have a book value of £800,000 but Mr Oliphant ruefully admits that these sites "are not of premium quality", and he is prepared to sell at below net worth to cut short-term debts of some £2m and overall gearing of 100 per cent.

Mr Oliphant, who took over the reins early last week, is the third chairman in almost three years. Mr Ronald Palfreyman steered the group from its 1965 quotation until October, 1975. Formerly of Seligcourt and Bank Bridge Securities and now chairman of David Dixon & Sons (Holdings), Mr Palfreyman and FPA parted ways at that point after "policy differences". These differences descended into a legal row but, by that time, Mr Bryan Ward had assumed the chair. As Mr Oliphant sees it, this was a case of an essentially building man (who will be going with Finnegan to Clugston at the purchaser's request) heading a group which had embarked heavily on a property development path.

Whatever the differing styles and management aims of his two predecessors, the new chairman is determined to push FPA back to full profitability in a very much slimmer form.

The continuing businesses made just £23,000 in the January-June period and the housebuilding subsidiary, FPA Staveley, has clearly been the laggard with losses of around £50,000. After a period when housebuilding margins have become noticeably fatter, Mr Oliphant is convinced of the need of new management for the land bank is sufficient to sustain an annual turnover of around £250,000 in each of the next two years.

Elsewhere, Mr Oliphant is reasonably happy with the remaining cards he holds. The roofing and road surfacing subsidiary, FPA Pitchmastic, doubled interim profits to £80,000 which indicates something in the region of £150,000 pre-tax this year.

The Norfolk Broads boat-building offshoot, Porter & Haylett, is capable of around £35,000 pre-tax annually. But the group will have to run hard to service its borrowing charges and any medium-term hopes of a return to the dividend list will rest heavily on the buoyancy of housing demand, a decidedly moot point, and the strength of investment demand for secondary property development sites. The effort will require all the cooperation and patience the new board can muster.

Ray Maughan

Four Investment Trusts outpace the market

This has not been a good year for investment trusts committed to Wall Street, or Throgmorton Street either. But this has not stopped Scottish National Trust, with 26.1 per cent of its portfolio in the United States from raising its net asset value from 195p to 216p in the year to September 30. The managers are Gartmore Investment (Scotland).

This 10 per cent asset increase, as Mr Andrew Rintoul, chairman, comments in the annual accounts, compares with a 4 per cent drop in the FT Industrial index and, after exchange rate and currency premium variations, an unchanged Dow Jones Industrial index.

The credit for the better showing, went however, to the Far East, which is presumably not so buoyant now, and a share price of 141p indicates the persistence of the problem of getting the trusts's own shares up to the value of the shares it holds. The current year is viewed with caution.

From The Border & Southern Stockholders Trust come accounts for the year to September 30 showing an increase in net assets of 11 per cent to 87.3p. Mr C. Alan McLintock, chairman, says that technically the year was a good one for trusts. It was just that the investment climate was poor. The movement had the abolition of the former 25 per cent surrender rule on the sale of premium dollars; and Budgetary changes saw lower effective rates of capital gains tax on investment trusts.

The North American percentage is 21 per cent, and the rise in the yen lifted the Japanese content from 7.3 per cent to 11.7 per cent. Prudential Assurance has 6.1 per cent of the trust's shares which stand at only around 57p. The managers are John Govett. The chairman maintains that investment trusts "remain one of the most effective means of collective investment".

London & Montrose Investment is managed by Investment Trust Services, part of Robert Fleming as from July 1, last. In the year to September the trust lifted asset value a share by 13 per cent from 244p to 276p a share.

Queensway is coming to market

By Our Financial Staff

The stock market stags look like being out in force when carpet king, Mr Philip Harris offers his company Harris Queensway to the public.

Because Harris will be virtually replacing Allied Retailers, which is currently under offer from Associated Dairies, many feel that the institutions will want a stake in the group. And some dealers are already anticipating a 20p premium on the 155p offer price.

The carpets and furniture group is coming to market by means of an offer for sale of 5 million shares, about a third of the total issued equity capital. Although the company is capitalized, by the offer, at £23.2m the issue will only raise £7.75m of which £1.2m will be fed into the company. The chairman is maintaining a controlling stake in the group.

Having turned Queensway from losses into profits the directors are forecasting a group pre-tax profit for the year to December 24 of not less than £5.3m, a jump of almost 300 per cent on the 1977 total of £1.585m.

The group's track record over the past five years looks good on both profits and turnover with a slight hiccup in 1977 being due to acquisition of the lossmaking Queensway Discount Warehouses. And the chairman stressed that the new level of earnings is not regarded as a peak but a new plateau.

Hudsons Bay Co is usefully ahead this year

Toronto.—Hudsons Bay sales from merchandising operations have continued to be strong since the last quarter and the group expects the trend to persist over Christmas.

In the nine months to October 31, merchandising earnings rose to $Can24.4m from $Can18.4m, but real estate earnings fell to $9.3m from $11.7m. Natural resource earnings increased to $11.3m from $9.7m.

The fall in real estate was primarily due to the slowdown in land sales, accompanied by a growing stock of new housing in the real estate industry, the directors pointed out.

Hudsons Bay explained that its Markborough land sales were $9.2m for the nine months, compared with $19.6m in the comparable period of last year.

International

Sears Roebuck buys 10m of own shares

Chicago.—Sears Roebuck plans to buy up to 10 million of its outstanding common shares on the open market. The group had more than 322 million shares outstanding.

Mr Edward R. Telling, chairman, says that the purchase programme has been submitted to the SEC for review. An announcement will be made before the programme begins.

He added that the shares bought would be used for the current and future needs of employee benefit plans, and other corporate purposes. Goldman Sachs will act as agent handling the repurchase programme, Mr Telling said.

Electronic specialists facing rough time

Such is the presumed thirst for knowledge among fund managers that many brokers supplement the usual tipping service with trading bulletins on specialist sectors. Broker Kemp-Gee for example has sent out an informative progress report on everything electrical but investment comment is general or indirect.

It seems that specialists in electronic capital goods are in for a rough patch. Margins on deliveries over the next year are coming under pressure from wages. A scarcity of skilled staff, especially electronics engineers suggest that wage drift will reappear.

The authors also say that metal prices have risen recently thanks largely to foreign exchange market uncertainly. Moreover the fall in the dollar against sterling has reduced United Kingdom com-

Brokers' views

petitiveness. The importance of a surge in Middle Eastern trade (denominated in dollars) and a decline in sterling were keys to the sector's profits boom in 1976 and 1977. Finally, both the electrical and electronics sectors tend to underperform in falling markets as a whole.

The conclusion is almost written in code, as brokers' summaries too frequently are: "We would, therefore, look to have average sector weightings for the next six months, but would be looking to increase individual holdings, at lower relative levels, in those companies operating in capital goods electronics, component distribution and in semiconductor applications".

GEC, Decca, Plessey, Ferranti and Racal seem fortunately situated in capital goods but the writers are diplomatically cool towards BICC, Berec and Chloride. Over ICL hang medium-term worries. United States majors are expected to be aggressive in Europe next year.

Economic trends may be bad for many electricals and other shares, but they seem to be good for the Life Assurance sector, surveyed by Mr Peter Martin and Mr N. J. Franklin of broker Capel-Cure Myers. They say that the sector is substantially oversold and stress the attractions of Equity & Law Legal & General, and Prudential.

The authors make several points. Inflation has slowed down; savings will probably remain high, assisting premiums to grow; pensions business should rise strongly following the "Castle Scheme", and the freeing of pension fund improvements from guidelines; expense ratios year should improve; there is a good chance 1979 non-life underwri losses will fall sharply, wea permitting. Finally, on a year view the sector, rated highly against the ket, is at a relative low, should improve.

Textiles remain patchy the textile industry mon report from broker Willi de Broe Hill Chaplin and Mr R. Chessbire, stresses companies nearest the cons er have benefited most f the boom. The farther down the chain of produc one goes, the weaker the pact. Imports and the cost holding stocks are to blam also is continued caution demand trends.

Mr Chesshire corre guessed that Courtaulds w hold its own in the first year and report an impr ment in trading. Bot remains unexcited. He po out that the latest interim fits compare with a pe when he group was sacrifi profits to cash flow. So comparison is not particu good.

The writer also says International Paint and Bri Cellophane brought in than 55 per cent of the profits, implying that tex and fibres with 75 per cen group turnover had a time.

For the full year, b trading should mean profit around £72m, restrained declining temporary emp ment subsidy and weak p for man made fibres. Lon term prospects are bli described as "not encou ing". The verdict is, sell.

In the main textile re Carpets International is for those taking a longer- view; Carrington Vi should be kept; holdings Coats Patons should extended on price weak while holdings of Hom should be maintained. Not ham Manufacturing is too high enough, Readicut "sound". Tootal should bought.

Textiles also get the tinuous attention of speci broker Henry Cooke, Lum where the analyst is Mr Davenport.

He roundly counsels cli to buy Courtaulds for and long-term potential, goes for £75m for the year.

On this view of Court attention must be paid to is said to be a new ma ment approach, and the w is impressed with the management strength finances in the year 1977.

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Bolivian coup could have strong impact on tin supplies next year

By a Special Correspondent

Though the market's initial reaction was cautious, last week's coup in Bolivia, the world's second tin producer, could have a bearing on tin supplies next year. The military have pledged to hold early elections and this will make it politically difficult for the United States to go ahead with the proposed tin sales from the strategic stock pile.

Tin prices on the London Metal Exchange have tumbled £725 since the beginning of this month to last week's closing price of £7,365 a ton. Though the news of the military coup brought some support on Friday, prices fell £145 over the week. The New York market was unmoved by the coup and prices registered a slight fall to $6.67 per lb.

After three *years of production* deficits, the tin market is reckoned to have moved back into balance removing much of the shine of the metal for speculators. Tin stocks are beginning to rise again; the market impact of Bolivia's political turbulence was tempered by a forecast of a further increase in LME stocks this week.

Interest in tin has also been dampened by the prospect of legislation to release 30,000 tons from the United States strategic tin stockpile being enacted in the first half of next year. Bolivia, which is considered a high cost producer, has protested vehemently throughout this year to the proposed stockpile relief which could severely depress prices.

The discussions in Congress, which failed to pass legislation in the last session, have largely centred upon domestic issues, however the State Department is taking an increasing interest in the stockpile legislation. State Department support for Bolivia's case was greatly weakened when General Juan Pereda seized power after fraudulently held elections in July. If the new government of General David Padilla appears firm in its pledge to hold free elections, the Carter Administration may have moved to oppose the stockpile Release Bill.

Malaysia, the world's biggest producer, has also expressed its grave concern about the proposed stockpile legislation. Some within the Malaysian tin industry, however, see long-term gains in lower tin prices now. High tin prices have *intensified the search for substitutes* and the move back to balance in the tin market is mostly due to falling consumption. Production has remained fairly elastic.

Production costs in Malaysia, and elsewhere in the producing regions of South East Asia, are lower than in Bolivia. It is consequently argued that lower prices would squeeze the Bolivians out of the market first.

Tin has fallen from second to fifth place among Malaysia *principal* export products in recent years. And it could survive the impact of lower prices more easily than Bolivia, where tin is much the biggest source of foreign exchange. Like Bolivia, however, Malaysian tin production is highly taxed and the Malaysian government is unlikely to welcome any fall in its revenue.

Though the impact of stockpile releases upon Bolivia's fragile economy should receive some attention from the United States Administration, it is unlikely to sway many Congressmen. The effects of the sales, however, appear likely to receive some critical examination.

The tin sales are designed to finance stockpile purchases of copper, to bolster the domestic copper industry which has been under pressure from imports. This *trade-off* was countenanced by Mr Walter Mondale, the Vice President, in return for support for the Panama Canal Treaty.

The influential chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Senator William Proxmire, has declared his opposition to the use of stockpiles, designed to guarantee supplies in the event of war, to bail out inefficient copper producers.

Though many in Congress have few qualms about bolstering *a troubled domestic industry* more intent questioning in the New Year is expected about whether the strategic stockpiles are an appropriate source of support.

The stockpiles are supervised by the General Services Administration which has lately become embroiled in a series of scandals concerning the use of public funds. In the debate on stockpile policy, this will strengthen the voice of those who believe it should not serve private sectoral interests.

When the tin sales were first proposed, the world tin deficit was estimated at about 20,000 tons. With the gap now closed and tin prices weakening, the impetus for tin stockpile sales has been reduced. The question of their disruption to the market and to the economies of producer countries looms larger.

Whatever its bearing on the stockpile debate, last week's coup will result in further political turbulence in Bolivia of the sort that has brought a decline in output this year.

Commodities

Although issues are not showing a clear trend dealers are optimistic

The Eurodollar bond market is not showing any clear trend at present, market technicians say, yet opinion among underwriters and dealers appears to be turning slowly toward optimism, writes AP-Dow Jones.

This week or shortly thereafter, the United States government is expected to begin a major funding operation in Deutsche marks and Swiss francs, technically, this will be purely domestic financing on the German and Swiss capital markets and will not have anything directly to do with the Eurobond market.

However, some analysts believe the funding will give another psychological boost to the dollar. If so, there could well be some switching from long-term Deutsche mark and Swiss franc bonds into Eurodollar certificates of deposits, floating-rate notes and possibly into high-coupon, fixed-rate Eurodollar bonds, analysts say.

According to well-placed sources, the United States Treasury is hoping to float between DM3,000m and DM4,000m of three and four year notes in Germany. These notes will probably be in the form of global certificates (Schuldscheine) which will be sold directly to commercial banks with each bank getting a specific quota similar to the procedure used for placements by the German government. While no clear indication of the interest rates has emerged, it seems doubtful that the United States would get away with less than 5.0 per cent in view of the fact that the German government recently paid 4.89 per cent for two-year notes.

The United States notes, incidentally, will not be eligible for resale to non-residents. For one thing, German authorities want to ensure that the notes mop up some of the domestic liquidity generated by recent large-scale sales of marks by the Bundesbank and New York Federal Reserve Bank to support the dollar. Moreover, United States authorities want to avoid the possibility of central banks and other institutions outside Germany liquidating their dollar holdings to buy the United States not denominated in marks.

A similar procedure will be followed in Switzerland where the United States is expected to sell between 1,000m and 2,000m Swiss francs of three and four-year notes. The Swiss notes will be subjected to domestic withholding tax so that foreign purchases will be discouraged. However, local institutions such as insurance companies and pension funds would normally be able to reclaim at least part of the taxes withheld.

Analysts say that in both the German and Swiss capital markets the funding pressure on the short-end of the market may well force yields higher and so make yields at the longer-end seem less attractive. This could encourage a certain amount of liquidation of long-dated Euromark bonds and Swiss franc foreign bonds, and some of the proceeds may be switched back into dollar securities.

Euromarkets

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

	Offer price	Redptn yld
US STRAIGHTS ($)		
Australia 8 1982	96¼	9.23
Austria 8½ 1990	95½	9.36
Avco 9¼ 1988	97¾	9.84
Barclays 8½ 1992	95	9.14
Beatrice 7½ 1983	95¾	8.95
Canadair 8½ 1983	96	9.60
Canada Nat Railway 8⅝ 1986	94½	9.37
CECA 9 1993	97¾	9.38
Charbonnage de France 8¼ 1981	97¼	9.58
Citicorp 6⅝ 1980	95¾	9.62
Citicorp 7 1981	94	10.58
DFC New Zealand 8½ 1985	94½	9.76
DFC New Zealand 8⅝ 1985	94¾	9.55
Dow Chemical 8 1986	93	9.25
EEC 7½ 1979	97¼	10.41
EEC 8¼ 1982	96¾	9.40
EIB 8 1984	95¾	9.58
EIB 9¼ 1993	97½	9.44
Elf Aquitaine 8½ 1986	95¾	9.14
Eurofima 8¼ 1988	93¾	9.64
IC Industries 9 1986	93	10.53
ITEL 9¼ 1988	94½	10.69
JU 8½ 1987	90½	10.45
Macmillan Bloedel 9¼ 1993	98¼	9.47
Midland Bank 8¾ 1992	95¾	9.35
NCB 8 1987	93¾	9.09
National Westminster 9 1986	98	9.37
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986	9¾	9.95
Newfoundland 9¾ 1990	98½	9.47
Nordic Invest Bank 8⅝ 1988	97½	9.16

	Offer Price	Redptn Yld
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	94¾	9.47
Norway 7¾ 1983	94¾	9.35
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	94¼	9.41
Occidental 8½ 1983	92½	10.79
J. C. Penney 8¼ 1983	97¾	9.16
Quebec Hydro 9½ 1993	99	9.63
Renault 8½ 1981	97¾	9.99
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	97¾	8.52
Shell 8¼ 1990	94½	9.04
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	94	9.30
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982	96¾	10.61
Ford 8¼ 1984	91¾	10.49
General Motors 9¾ 1988	97¾	10.14
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992	90¾	10.50
Union Carbide 9¾ 1986	97¼	10.28
FLOATING RATE NOTES	**Offer Price**	**Conv Yld**
Chase Manhattan 9 5/16 1993	97⅞	9.59
Intl Westminster 10 9/16 1984	8⅞	10.69
Midland 9 7/16 1993	7⅞	9.57
Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986	7⅞	9.64
Williams & Glynns 9⅝ 1984	99	9.47
US $ CONVERTIBLES	**Offer Price**	**Conv Prem**
American Express 4¼ 1987	76	44.19
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992	137	1.29
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	92	9.62
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1992	104	0.68
Beecham 6¼ 1993	104	3.83
Boots 6¼ 1993	91½	3.60dis

	Offer Price	Conv Prem
Borden 5 1992	91½	7.25
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	74½	87.38
Carnation 5 1988	73½	31.29
Dart 4¾ 1987	87½	30.94
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	85½	39.12
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	74½	—
Firestone 5 1988	74½	75.08
Ford 5 1988	89	20.71
General Electric 4¼ 1987	78	27.56
Gillette 4¾ 1987	75½	105.42
Gulf & Western 5 1988	88½	29.98
Harris 5 1992	196	0.89disc
Honeywell 6 1986	85	56.92
ICI 6⅝ 1992	88	par
INA 6 1997	93	20.68
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	102½	1.35
ITT 4½ 1987	76	53.02
Jusco 6 1992	159½	2.96dis
Komatsu 7¼ 1990	159	2.32dis
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	137½	0.68
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	100	4.12
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	105½	0.29
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	74	97.33
Revlon 4¾ 1987	132	0.29dis
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	89	21.18
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	89½	10.40
Squibb 4¼ 1987	79	59.40
Texaco 4¾ 1988	75	35.46
Texas Int Airlines 7¾ 1993	84½	28.97
Toshiba 6¾ 1992	146½	1.05dis
Tyco 8¼ 1988	96½	20.99
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	89½	41.94
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	76½	48.36
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	75¾	62.64
Xerox 5 1988	78½	108.86

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

	Latest price	prev week
Alb & Wilson 7¼ Deb '86-90	69	69
All Pty Hldgs 9¾ Ln '92-97	74¾	74¾
All Brew 6¼ Deb '87-92	61¼	61¼
Do 7¼ Ln '93-98	62½	62½
Ass Bis 7¾ Deb '90-95	62¾•	62¾•
AB Foods 5¼ Ln '87-2002	21½p	21½p
Assoc Elec 6 '78-83	76½	73¾
Do 6¾ Deb '86-91	64½	64
BICC 7¾ Deb '90-95	65¾	65¾
BLMC 6 '98-2003	35¾	35¾
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	46½	46
Do 8 Ln '98-2003	46	46
BOC Int 8¾ Deb '81-86	72½	71½•
Do 2 Tonnage 1988	82½•	82½•
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	59½	59½
Barclays Bank 8¼ '86-93	67¾	68•
Barclay Int 7¾ '86-91	66½	66¼
Bass Char 3¼ Ln '87-92	44¾	45½
Do 7¾ '92-97	61½	61½
Do 8¼ Deb '87-92	69½	69½
Beecham 6¼ Ln '78-85	76½•	76½•
Do 8½ Ln '84-94	68	67½
Bibby 10¼ Deb '94-99	77¾•	68
Birmid Qual 7¾ Ln '87-92	62½	62
Blue Circle 7 Deb '88-93	64	64
Do 9 Deb '92-97	72¾	72¾
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	76¾•	76¾•
Do 7¾ '88-93	65	65
Bridon 8 Deb '89-93	69•	69•
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	80	80
Brit Shoe 7 '80-85	86	87
Brooke Bond 5¼ Ln 2003-08	39½	40
Burmah Oil 6⅞ Ln '78-81	82½	82½
Do 8½ Ln '91-96	58¾	58
Do 7½ Ln '81-85	63½•	63•
Burton Gp 9¼ Ln '98-2003	69¼	68½x
Cadbury-Schweppes 8½ Ln '94-2004	62¼	62¾
Coats Patons 4½ Ln 2002-07	33¼•	36¼•
Do 7¾ '90-95	58½•	58½•
Courage 6⅞ Ln 2004-09	49¾	50
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	69	68
Courtaulds 6¾ '94-96	51½	51½
Do 7 '82-87	70¾	70¾
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	65¾	65¾
Debenhams 6¾ 2nd Deb	56½	57½
Do 6¾ Ln '86-91	58½	58½
Do 7¾ Ln 2002-07	59	59½
Distillers 7¾ Ln '88-93	61	60¾
Dunlop 6¾ Deb '85-90	66½	66½
EMI 7 Ln '87-93	59½	58¾
English Elec 6 Deb '80-85	76½	76
Esso 6 Deb '77-80	89½	89½•
Fisons 6¾ 2nd Deb 84-89	61½	61½
Gallaher 6 Ln '85-88	70•	70•
GEC 7¾ '87-92	62	61½
Do 7¾ '88-93	65½	64¾
Gen Acc 7¾ '92-97	59½	63•
Glaxo 7½ '85-95	31½p	31p
Glynwed 10¼ Ln '94-99	82	82
GUS 5¼ Ln	40	38½
Do 7¼ Ln '85-88	74½	74½
Do 8½ Ln '93-98	67½	66
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[illegible]	45½	45
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[illegible] Ln '75	68½	68
[illegible]	77¾•	89•
[illegible]	34¼	65½
[illegible]	65½	65½
Int Stores 7¾ Ln 2003-08	57½	57¾
Laporte 10¾ Deb '94-99	79½	79½
Land Sec 8¼ '92-97	65¾	65¾
Lewis's Inv Trust 6¼ 2nd '85-90	62½	60½
Lucas Ind 7¾ '83-88	71½	71½
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	59¼	60
Metal Box 10¼ '92-97	80	80
Midland Bank 10¼ Ln '93-98	82½•	81¾
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1993	75•	79½•
'76-81	85	85
Do 6¾ Ln '85-88	61½	62
Reckitt & Col 6¾ Deb '85-90	68¾	68¾
Reed Int 7¼ Deb '90-95	65¾	64¾
Rugby Port Cem 6 '93-98	47¾	47½
Sainsbury (J.) 7¾ Deb '87-92	68	68
Scot Newcastle 6¾ Deb	75	75
Do 7¼ Deb '89-94	63½	63½
Slough Est 7¾ Deb '85-90	70½	70½
Smith (W. H.) 6¾ Ln	38½	38½
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	81	81
Do 7¾ Deb '84-89	68½	68½
Tate & Lyle 7¾ Deb '89-94	63	63
Thomson Org 3 Deb	57½•	56
Do 7¾ '87-92	61½	64
Tilling (T.) 8¼ Ln '89-94	68	67½
Tootal 4½ Perp Deb	32½•	32½
Do 7¼ '85-90	65	65¾
Truman Ltd 7¾ Deb '88-93	64½	64½
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	69¼	69½
UDS 7¾ Deb '85-90	66	66
Do 10¾ Deb '89-94	87½	87½
Unigate 6¾ Ln '91-96	52½	52
Do 7¾ Deb '86-91	67½•	67½•
Unilever 6¾ Deb '85-88	70½	70½
Watney 7¼ Ln '94-99	59	59
Do 8 Ln '90-95	65½	65½
Whitbread 7¼ Ln '95-99	56½	56½
Do 7¾ Ln '96-2000	64	62½
CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 8 '89-94	175	175
AB Food 7¼ '94-2004	193	190
BPB 7¾ '89-91	131	142
Bowring C. T. 1981	105	103½
Brit Petrol 6 '76-80	87½•	88
Britains 10¼ '91-96	81	81
Grand Met 10 '91-96	76	76
Guest Keen 6¾ 1985	78•	77•
Ind. & Gen 4½ '94-99	103	102
Lucas Ind 6¾ 1980	120	118
MEPC 5 '89-94	102	102
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	100	100
Ready Mixed 8¼ 1978	78½	79
Renwew Tst 4¼ '73-78	78½	70
Stock Conv 5¼ 10-1	2??	??
Temple Bar 6 '87-91	78½	78½

*Ex dividend.

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Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
Airsprung Ord	73	−1	5.5	7.5	9.6
Airsprung 18½% CULS	220	+5	18.5	8.4	—
Armitage & Rhodes	40	—	3.6	9.0	7.3
Bardon Hill	185	—	12.0	6.0	10.0
Deborah Ord	66	—	2.8	4.2	4.1
Deborah 17½% CULS	242	—	17.5	7.2	—
Frederick Parker	131	+1	12.4	9.4	5.1
George Blair	155	—	15.0	9.6	5.8
Jackson Group	60	+1	5.0	8.3	7.0
James Burrough	118	+2	6.5	5.5	10.9
Robert Jenkins	300	−1	29.7	9.9	4.9
Twinlock Ord	[illegible]	—	—	—	[illegible]
Twinlock 12% ULS	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—	—
Unilock [illegible]	[illegible]				
Walker [illegible]	[illegible]				

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 479.9+7.1(1.5%)

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

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Capitalization and week's change

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(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only	Gross Red. Yield
1200m	Treas 11½%	1979	100	..	11.500 11.269
650m	Treas 9½	1979	99⅝	-⅛	3.150 8.233
775m	Elec 4¾%	1974-78	96⅝	-⅛	4.416 9.014
1200m	Treas 12½%	1979	99⅝	..	10.573 11.260
250m	Elec 9½%	1976-79	98¾	..	3.541 7.740
1000m	Treas Cnv 9%	1980	97¼	..	9.238 11.408
1100m	Treas 9½%	1980	97¼	..	9.743 11.433
282m	Treas 9½%	1977-80	95⅝	..	3 680 6.585
400m	Fund 5¾%	1978-80	85⅝	-¼	3.473 8.154
800m	Exch 13¾%	1980	101⅝	-⅛	12.800 12.080
600m	Treas 11½%	1981	98⅝	-⅛	11.669 12.206
483m	Treas 9½%	1978-81	89¼	-¼	3.925 9.021
824m	Treas 9¾%	1981	95⅝	-⅛	10.230 12.101
900m	Exch 9¾%	1981	92⅝	-⅛	8.937 11.857
800m	Exch 9¾%	1981	93⅝	-⅛	10.140 12.230
600m	Exch 3¾%	1981	85¾	..	3 504 9.987
600m	Exch 12¾%	1981	101	-¼	12.454 12.357
881m	Treas 9½%	1980-82	92⅝	-¼	9.380 12.166
400m	Treas 9½%	1982	93⅝	..	3.587 8.985
400m	Treas 14¾%	1982	109¾	-⅛	13.429 12.383
1500m	Exch 9¾%	1982	89¾	-¼	8.341 12.342
1600m	Exch 9¾%	1982	89¾	-¼	10.265 12.644
300m	Exch 9¾%	1983	87⅝	-⅜	9.985 12.627
600m	Exch 3½%	1983	80¾	-¼	3.733 8.628
600m	Treas 12¾%	1983	98¾	-⅛	12.198 12.920
800m	Treas 9¾%	1983	88¾	-⅛	10.482 12.977
900m	Exch 10¾%	1983	89¾	-⅛	11.125 12.796
1000m	Treas 13¾%	1983-84	81⅞	..	6.910 10.775
600m	Treas 8¾%	1984-86	87¼	-¼	10.140 11.786
600m	Fund 8¾%	1984-86	87¼	-¼	8.628 11.009
1250m	Treas 13¾%	1983	102⅝	-⅛	13.535 13.392
400m	Treas 14¾%	1984	110⅝	-⅛	13.190 13.293
1000m	Exch 13¾%	1984	98¾	-⅛	11.868 12.932
1000m	Exch 9¾%	1984	84¾	-¼	13.064 13.218
1000m	Treas 15¾%	1985	96	..	13.582 14.989
214m	Gas 9¾%	1990-95	43⅜	..	13.136 13.188
800m	Exch 10¾%	1985	85¾	-¼	12.073 12.681
900m	Exch 10¾%	1985	85¾	-¼	13.086 13.946
800m	Exch 13¾%	1986	100¼	-⅛	13.546 13.352
41m	Redmpn 9¾%	1986-98	43¾	-¼	7.014 9.580
1500m	Treas 13¾%	1987	104⅛	-⅛	13 324 13.317
1500m	Exch 10¾%	1987	85¼	..	12.762 13.058
900m	Treas 8¾%	1987	74	..	12.171 12.711
1000m	Treas 8¾%	1988-98	39½	-¼	11.441 12.389
1100m	Treas 15¾%	1988	115¾	..	13.672 13.537
800m	Exch 15¾%	1988	92	..	13.081 13.189
600m	Treas 9¾%	1989	79¾	-¼	12.446 12.789
900m	Treas 10¾%	1989	85¾	-¼	12.824 12.924
900m	Exch 12¾%	1989-92	95⅝	-¼	13.199 13.265
443m	Fund 3½%	1999-04	36¾	-¼	10.018 11.344
600m	Treas 9¾%	2002-06	65¾	..	12.414 12.646
1000m	Treas 8¾%	2008-12	46¾	-¼	12.139 12.295
900m	Treas 12¾%	2013-17	84⅛	-¼	12.539 12.617
1000m	Exch 12¾%	2013-17	91¾	-¼	13.103 13.113
362m	Consols 4%		31⅞	..	13.084 ..
1000m	War Ln 3½%		29¾	-¼	12.005 ..
238m	Conv 3½%		24¾	..	10.288 ..
36m	Treas 3%		23¾	..	13.033 ..
276m	Consols 2½%		20⅝	..	12.654 ..
482m	Treas. 2½%	Aft '75	19½	..	13.087 ..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

12m	Aust 5½%	77-80	95½	-¼	5.891	12.192
22m	Aust 6%	81-82	82	..	6.771	12.557
20m	Aust 6%	81-83	76¾	..	7.797	12.337
14m	Aust 7%	79-81	89¼	-¼	8.025	12.648
—	Chilean Mtges		90	..	..	..
8m	E Africa 5½%	77-83	73¼	..	7.582	14.324
—	German 4%	1930	405	..	..	..
—	Hungary 4%	1924	46	..	..	..
—	Iceland 7½%	51-63	93½	..	..	..
3m	Jamaica 7½%	77-79	99½	..	8.006	13.302
—	Japan Ass 6%	1910	340	-30	..	..
—	Japan 6%	53-88	66	..	..	..
4m	Kenya 5½%	78-82	78	..	6.321	14 291
7m	Malaya 7½%	78-82	85	..	9.048	13.545
12m	N Z 6%	76-80	94½	-¼	6.452	12.222
15m	N Z 7½%	76-82	91	..	11.883	13.388
12m	N Z 7½%	83-86	76¾	..	9.706	12.227
3m	N Rhd 6%	78-81	88¼	..	6.926	13.405
1m	Nyasa 6%	78-81	88¼	..	6.926	13.405
—	Peru 6%	Ass	142	..	..	..
3m	S Africa 9½%	78-81	89¾	..	..	..
20m	S Rhd 3½%	65-70	57	+½	..	..
8m	S Rhd 4%	57-62	53	+½	..	..
8m	S Rhd 6%	78-81	88	+½	..	..
—	Spanish 4%		45	..	..	..
4m	Tang 5½%	78-82	73¾	..	7.335	14.248
—	Uruguay 3½%		30	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

26m	L C C	3½%	1929	22½	..	12.490 ..
23m	L C C	3½%	30-53	78¾	-¼	6.347 11.280
15m	L C C	3½%	47-51	88¾	..	6.362 11.340
30m	L C C	3½%	52-68	78	..	7.298 11.621
25m	L C C	3½%	55-57	69½	..	8.237 11.764
29m	L C C	6%	76-79	96	..	6.347 11.627
23m	L C C	6¼%	78-80	95¾	..	10.628 12.942
49m	G L C	6¼%	80-82	91½	..	10.080 12.941
29m	G L C	6¼%	80-83	89¾	..	10.080 12.964
75m	G L C	12¼%	1982	98¼	..	12.647 12.956
100m	G L C	13¼%	1983	97¾	..	12.777 13.132
16m	C of L	8½%	80-82	91¼	..	7.947 12.929
27m	At Mt	8½%	81-84	89¾	..	9.535 13.110
27m	At Mt	8½%	81-83	64¾	..	12.316 13.650
12m	At Mt	6¾%	85-90	62¾	..	10.853 13.258
10m	Belfast	6¾%	77-80	80	..	7.299 13.062
3m	Brighton	6¾%	78-79	98	..	6.631 11.388
15m	Camden	6¾%	77-79	89½	..	6.597 11.502
15m	Croydon	6¾%	78-81	86	..	7.338 12.499
10m	Edin	6¾%	77-79	98½	..	6.572 11.275
20m	Glasgow	9¾%	80-82	89¾	..	10.307 12.354
20m	Liverpl	13¾%	1981	101½	-¼	13.287 12.783
27m	Met Water B	3½%	03-57	27½	-¼	11.188 12.936
25m	N I	6¾%	79-80	89	-¼	6.985 13.454
29m	N I	7½%	83-84	74	..	9.468 13.068
8m	N I Elec	6¾%	81-83	78	..	8.216 13.062
5m	Nthend	3½%	77-79	98½	-¼	5.389 11.157
10m	Nwark	6¾%	83-86	73½	..	9.235 12.404
12m	Surrey	6¾%	78-80	92	..	6.318 12.775

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

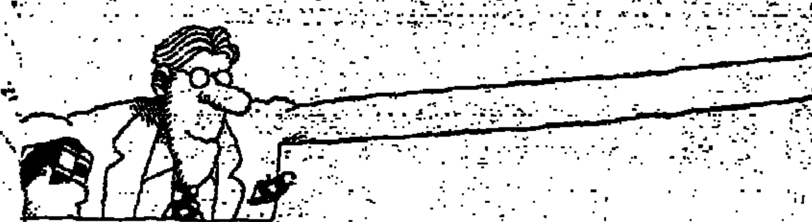
Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div dir yld pence	%	P/E
21.9m	Alex. Discount	240	+2	21.7	9.1	5.5
2 500,000	Allen H & Sons	320	..	30.3	9.5	7.3
1.2m	Allied Irish	284	..	11.9	5.9	4.9
2 500,000	Anb-Latham	145	..	18.0	10.4	9.2
7.2m	AN Z Grp	290	+4	10.8	3.7	10.0
2 500,000	Bank America	117½	..	17.0	3.0	10.6
14.3m	Bk of Ireland	392	-8	24.6a	6.3	5.4
12.9m	Bk Leumi Israel	94	..	0.4	2.7	10.4
2,400,000	Bk Leumi UK	173	..	11.2	6.6	15.2
42.7m	Bk of NSW	260	..	14.0	5.4	7.2
90.3m	Bk of Scotland	280	+2	17.5	6.2	7.2
225.3m	Barks Trst NY	124	..	7.6	6.1	8.8
241.9m	Barclays Bank	347	+2	20.1b	5.8	5.9
11.9m	Brown Shipley	236	..	15.4	6.5	7.7
11.0m	Cater Ryder	255	..	23.6	10.0	..
8.9m	Chase Man	211½	..	13.0	6.1	8.7
21.5m	Citicorp	157½	..	10.4	6.5	10.7
11.6m	Clive Discount	77	..	9.1	5.9	5.3
129.4m	Com Bk of Aust	192	..	9.6	4.9	7.1
29.2m	Com Bk of Syd	153	..	9.4	6.1	7.1
112.7m	Cr De France	179½	+½	26.0	14.5	15.2
7 731 000	First Nat Fin	6	..	..	..	..
6,531,000	Fraser Ans	114	..	..	..	..
57.2m	Gerrard & Nat	190	+3	31.8	16.5	4.8
2 450,000	Gibbs A.	44	..	3.3	7.6	18.9
3,265,000	Gillett Bros	215	+2	23.1	10.8	5.3
11.4m	Grindlays Hldgs	122	..	4.2	3.4	4.1
75.1m	Guinness Peat	115	+3	7.0	6.1	9.9
6,500,000	Hambros 110	117	..	150	6.5	..
26.9m	Do Ord	156	-5	15.0	9.5	6.9
53.9m	Hill Samuel	84	..	7.6	9.0	7.2
1 004 m	Hong K & Shane	235	+17	7.8b	3.3	16.3
8,127,000	Jessel Toynbee	92	..	5.5	6.0	..
4,074,000	Joseph L.	155	-5	13.0	8.4	..
21.1m	Keyser Ullmann	47	..	3.0	6.3	6.3
5,100,000	King & Shaxson	60	..	5.7	9.4	4.6
47.3m	Klienwort Ben	88	..	8.5	9.6	6.5
435.8m	Lloyds Bank	282	+7	14.5	5.1	5.2
45.0m	Mercury Secs	111	..	5.7	5.2	5.2
340.5m	Midland	345	..	22.4	6.5	5.1
20.1m	Minster Assets	38	..	5.7	9.6	5.2
218.3m	Nat of Aust	292	-8	8.8	4.6	7.1
161.8m	Nat Com Bk Grp	72	..	4.2	4.6	7.1
693.4m	Nat Westminster	367	+5	18.3	6.5	5.5
21.5m	Ottoman	143	..	280	6.5	9.9
5,151,000	Rea Bros	86	..	2.5	4.8	11.2
172.9m	Roy'l of Can	221½	-½	16.1	7.6	6.1
21.2m	Schroders	198	..	17.5	4.4	6.9
2,700,000	Secombe Mar	205	..	20.9	10.2	9.4
3 440 000	Smith St Aubyn	80	..	7.5	9.4	..
244.7m	Standard Chart	412	+5	28.1	7.4	5.2
11.7m	Union Discount	315	+5	24.0	7.6	5.2
3,161,000	Whitbread	71	+2	6.5	15.0	..

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

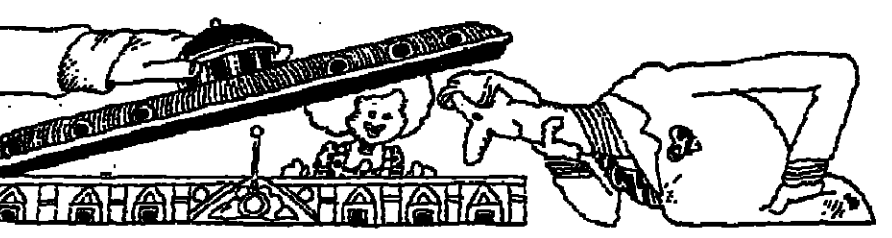
526.0m	Allied	84	+1	6.6	7.8	11.5
441.5m	Bass Charrgton	161	+1	7.6	4.7	10.5
80.3m	Bell A.	242	+2	7.5	3.1	9.6
19.5m	Boddingtons	87	-3	4.3	5.0	13.5
18.5m	Brown N.	110	+2	6.1	5.5	12.9
13.9m	Bulmer H P Hldgs	137	+1	4.9	3.6	8.1
7,200,000	Burtonwood	169	+1	8.2	4.8	10.1
28.2m	C of Edn Dfd	50	+2	4.6	9.2	7.3
7,064,000	Devenish	195	-5	9.1	4.6	10.1
128.9m	Distillers	291	+5	21.0	8.3	9.4
61.5m	Grosvenl	178	+1	4.2	2.5	12.9
29.6m	Greene King	256	+1	12.1	4.7	13.9
125.4m	Guinness	149	-1	11.0	7.4	7.9
6,280,000	Hardys & H'sons	172	+2	20.9	6.3	11.5
36.3m	Highland	143	+4	6.8	4.8	9.3
29.2m	Invergordon	145	+2	8.5	5.8	12.4
42.7m	Irish Distillers	198	..	6.1	3.1	12.6
39.2m	Marston	79	+1	2.9	3.6	9.9
174.7m	Scot & Newcastle	62½	..	5.5	8.3	6.6
666.4m	Seagram	219	-½	40.0	2.6	14.3
122.4m	SA Breweries	69	+½	6.4	10.7	7.2
6,589,000	Tomatin	122	..	4.7	3.9	13.1
21.9m	Vaux	114	..	6.1	5.3	11.9
236.7m	WhitbRead 'A'	197	..	6.1	6.1	6.4
11.3m	Do B	102	+2	6.1	6.0	2.9
19.3m	Whithread Inv	72	..	6.1	6.1	12.3
34.2m	Wolverhampton	213	..	9.2	4.3	10.9

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	COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL					
	A — B					
13.9m	AAH	100	..	9.3	9.3	7.9
540,000	AC Cars	42	..	1.4	3.4	48.8
11.5m	AGB Research	108	+5	3.8	3.5	17.0
55.3m	APV Hldgs	200	+5	9.1	4.5	7.4
17.3m	Aaronson Bros	96	..	5.3	5.5	6.7
1,962,000	Acrow	122	+2	4.0	3.3	10.1
48.9m	Do A	98	+1	4.0	4.1	7.5
24.6m	Advsrs Gnrup	208	+3	18.2	8.7	7.5
1,938,000	Advsn't & Gen	96	..	3.9	4.0	10.0
12.4m	Airfix Ind	46	+3	4.9	10.7	4.5
—	Akzo	89½	-½	..	..	..
61.9m	Alcan Grd	136	..	15.0	10.9	4.4
6,400,000	Do 10½%	880	..	1050	12.1	..
13.1m	Alginate Ind	222	-3	20.9	9.4	6.5
11.2m	Allen E. Balfour	37	..	6.5	11.3	10.5
1,636,000	Allen W. G.	46	+1	7.8	8.6	2.9
29.5m	Allied Colloids	78	+1	2.6	3.7	12.9
5,850,000	Allied Insulators	60	..	6.5	10.8	4.6
2,000,000	Allied Plant	20	..	1.2	5.8	8.7
36.5m	Allied Retail	140	+4	4.2	3.1	17.9
8,165,000	Alpine Hldgs	73½	-½	4.2	5.5	19.4
17.9m	Amal Metal	285	+5	24.7	8.7	11.6
18.1m	Amal Power	120	+1	8.8	6.7	3.5
5,892,000	Amber Day	47	+2	3.8b	8.1	6.5
626,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	24	..	0.8	3.5	4.2
2,049,000	Anchor Chem	72	..	6.3	8.8	4.6
22.5m	Anderson Strath	63	-½	4.0	6.3	7.5
7,133,000	Anglia TV 'A'	86	..	6.7	7.8	5.9
138.6m	Anglo Amer Ind	320	..	43.1	8.3	5.6
777,000	Ang Swiss Hldgs	30	..	..	..	..
6,715,000	Applegard	84	+½	9.5	11.3	6.8
6,286,000	Aquascutum 'A'	37½	..	2.4	6.4	7.9
3,804,000	Arenson Hldgs	82	+2	3.2	3.9	5.4
4,523,000	Arlington Mtr	110	+1	21.7	19.6	4.3
15.8m	Armitage Shanks	75½	+½	4.5	6.0	13.2
31.7m	Armst Equip	64	+½	3.4	5.3	7.5
35.3m	Ass Biscuit	72	..	8.3	7.3	4.9
3,413,000	Ass Book	235	..	6.8	2.9	7.2
24.9m	Ass Brit Feed	94	..	5.3	5.6	7.1
21.9m	Ass Comm 'A'	116	+½	10.0	8.6	6.8
104.7m	Ass Engineer	114	+3	7.9	7.0	8.9
7,205,000	Ass Fisheries	41	-2	..	..	..
18.7m	Ass Leisure	72½	+3	4.8	6.7	7.9
55.3m	Ass News	182	+4	8.9	4.9	8.2
5,837,000	Ass Paper	50	+1	4.6	9.2	5.3
681,000	Ass Tooling	39	..	3.9	9.9	12.0
3,426,000	Astbury & Miley	68	..	1.9	3.9	20.3
1,728,000	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3	6.9
2,100,000	Audiotronic	18	..	0.5	1.4	..
1,219,000	Aukt & Wilcox	38	..	3.6	9.5	7.9
15.6m	Aurora Hldgs	36	..	3.6	10.0	11.6
6,736,000	Aut Car Accin	50	+½	3.8	7.5	8.9
200.9m	Brit Home Stcs	196	..	9.8	5.0	15.8
18.7m	Brit Printing	46	+½	8.3	10.8	4.5
9,074,000	Brit Sim Spec	98	+1	7.1	8.0	8.4
82.8m	Brit Sugar	136	+2	7.3b	5.3	7.3
4,070,000	Brit Syphon Ind	53	..	5.9	9.5	5.2
6,070,000	Brit Tar Prod	48	+1	3.1	6.5	11.2
19.4m	Brit Vita	118	+1	3.9	2.5	8.1
2,864,000	Britains	21	..	2.3	10.8	5.5
11.0m	Brockhouse Ltd	65	+½	6.0	9.3	4.3
6,098,000	Brocks Grp	72	..	5.7	7.9	18.2
1,445,9m	Brown Bill	635	+20	19.0	2.9	26.8
3,307,000	Brook St Bur	77	..	6.5	8.4	15.6
122.1m	Brooke Bond	47½	+1	4.6	9.7	6.9
2,340,000	Brooke Tool	30	+10	3.8b	7.5	10.6
3,213,000	Brotherhood P.	102	-3	9.8	9.6	7.6
4,260,000	Brown & J'kson	212	+2	3.0	1.4	18.7
22.4m	Brown & Tawse	122	-2	7.3	5.9	7.1
26.0m	BSK	46	+½	3.2	6.9	6.0
52.2m	Brown Bros Cp	227	..	14.0	6.1	8.2
79.2m	Brown J.	285	+5	24.6	8.3	4.2
8,800,000	Brunicons	110	..	11.7	10.6	9.8
9,600,000	Bryant Hldgs	45	+½	3.8	7.5	4.5
13.0m	Bullough Ltd	149	+3	9.3	6.3	6.3
4,720,000	Bulmer & Lamb	55	+½	4.9	8.9	4.5
23.5m	Bunzl Pulp	90	..	7.9	8.5	4.9
4,440,000	Burco Dean	70	..	6.2	8.9	7.0
1,050,000	Burgess Prod	50	+1	8.2	16.4	4.8
3,861,000	Burnett Rshire	192	+8	4.3	2.3	5.0
5,707,000	Do A NV	186	+8	4.3	2.3	5.1
2,752,000	Burns And'son	125	+2	7.2	4.8	4.2
2,101,000	Burrell & Co	94	..	..	..	14.7
2,671,000	Burt Boulton	175	..	15.2	8.7	6.5
3,024,000	Burton Grp	198	+5	2.2	1.2	..
54.9m	Do A	188	+5	2.2	1.2	..
19.2m	Butterfield-Harvy	72	+1	3.8	5.0	5.2
	C — E					
3,636,000	CH Industrials	30	..	2.0	10.1	4.2
305.6m	Cadbury Sch	86	+½	4.6	5.2	7.2
2,207,000	Caffyns	93	+1	9.6	9.6	7.4
2,250,000	C'head Rober	98	..	2.5	4.1	15.9
5,816,000	Campari Int	94	..	3.0	3.2	4.8
4,910,000	Camrex Hldgs	47	+4	6.0	12.8	3.8
5,431,000	Canning W.	84	+6	6.0	11.8	4.9
3,330,000	Caplan Profile	111	+2	7.3	6.5	7.3
21.4m	Capper Neill	74½	+½	6.0	8.1	5.8
3,961,000	Caravans Int	72	+2	7.3	10.1	2.7
2,899,000	Carcle Eng	75	..	4.5	6.1	5.7
12.6m	Carless Capel	32	+1	1.4	4.4	8.9
62.4m	Carlton Ind	236	+18	8.3	3.5	9.3
13.9m	Carpets Int	58	+2	2.5	4.3	15.1
10.1m	Carr J. (Don)	46	..	1.4	3.1	7.1
62.4m	Carr'ton Vir	342	..	3.3	9.5	4.3
23.5m	Carroll P. J.	93	..	9.7	9.8	7.8
3,406,000	Casket & Hldgs	36	+1	1.6	4.5	8.7
1,788,000	Casuprd Sir J.	22	..	..	..	5.4
39.4m	Cawoods	241	+8	8.8	4.1	9.4
6,600,000	Celegtion	28	-½	1.2	4.2	6.0
123.6m	Cement Rdstone	83	+1	6.0	7.2	9.0
20.4m	Cen & Sheer	82	..	1.9	6.0	8.7
2,462,000	Centraway Ltd	280	+5	18.4	6.6	5.4
1,433,000	Ch'mbn & Hill	64	..	4.0	6.2	4.5
6,786,000	Chamberl'n Grp	44	..	4.6	10.5	4.8
2,167,000	Change Wares	142	-½	9.8a	6.2	2.1
1,235,000	Do Cnv Cum	132	..	14.8	11.2	..
132.6m	Chloride Grp	105	+1	8.0	7.5	10.0
13.4m	Christies Int	135	+4	5.3	3.9	11.8
980,000	Christy Bros	49	..	4.2	8.6	4.7
82.8m	Chubb & Sons	136	+3	7.8	5.7	8.3
5,841,000	Church & Co	163	+3	5.6	3.4	6.3
29.6m	Coalite & Chem	69	+1	4.2	6.1	4.9
12.4m	Coates Bros	73	..	3.6	4.9	7.3
18.1m	Do A	69	..	3.6	5.2	6.7
183.9m	Coats Patons	68½	+½	5.4	8.2	4.5
2,915,000	Cole E. H.	202	+2	8.5	5.7	5.2
2,433,000	Collett D'son	73	+3	5.2	7.1	5.1
3,788,000	Collins W.	140	..	7.0	5.0	5.7
13.2m	Do A	137	..	7.0	5.1	5.5
7,896,000	Comben Grp	31	..	3.6a	11.7	9.1
22.1m	Comb Eng Strs	106	+5	5.5	5.1	12.5
34.0m	Comet Radlov'n	129	+1	3.9	3.0	11.7
5,431,000	Comfort Hotels	24	+1	0.6	2.5	8.9
43.0m	CompAir	82	+2	5.7	7.0	6.8
12.6m	Compton Webb	74	..	11.7	15.9	5.3
862,000	Cook W.	23	+1	2.1	9.0	3.4
23.8m	Copp Allman	85	..	3.2	3.8	4.2
876,000	Copson F.	16	..	1.3	7.9	7.8
10.8m	Corah	37	+½	3.6	9.9	5.1
93.3m	Coral Leisure	113	+2	4.9	4.3	6.6
5,440,000	Cossit	86	..	5.5	6.3	8.1
12.3m	Costain R.	240	+4	3.5	1.5	8.0
2,880,000	Countrywide	42	+2	2.5	5.9	15.0
13.7m	Courts (Furn)	104	+1	5.4	5.2	6.5
3,024,000	Do A NV	104	+1	5.4	5.2	6.5
391.8m	Courtaulds	121	+9	11.7	9.7	10.9
2,388,000	Courtney Pope	69	+4	3.5	5.2	6.8

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross Div dir yld pence	%	P/E
7,943,000	C'wn de Groot	62	..	3.4	5.5	4.7
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LECTURESHIP IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited for the above Lectureship in the School of Chemical Sciences. Salary according to age and experience, will be on the scale £3,883 to £7,754 per annum (under review) plus USS/FSSU benefits.

Applications (one copy only) which should contain a full curriculum vitae including exact date of birth, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged with the Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, from whom further particulars may be obtained (Telephone 0603 56161, ext. 2126) by not later than 1st February, 1979. No forms of application are issued. In naming three referees you are requested to give only the names of those who can immediately be approached by the University.

Australian National University

FACULTY OF ARTS

CO-ORDINATOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned appointment. The appointee will be required to co-ordinate and teach in the Women's Studies programme which consists of two full-year interdisciplinary courses. The programme is offered at second and third year level in the Faculty of Arts. Because it is interdisciplinary, the University invites application from persons with suitable experience of, or an interest in, designing and presenting integrated courses. Research and teaching experience in the Humanities or Social Sciences, or other relevant experience, is desirable. It is envisaged that the appointee will be attached to the department within the University appropriate to her or his academic background and expertise. The appointee will be at the level of lecturer and will therefore be for three years in the first instance with possibility of reappointment, after review, to retiring age. Salary on appointment will be in accordance with qualifications and experience within the range $A15,179-$19,940 per annum. Current exchange rates: $A1=$US1.17; £0.58. Reasonable appointment expenses are paid. Superannuation benefits are vailable for applicants who are eligible to contribute. Assistance with housing is provided for an appointee from outside Canberra. The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any time. Prospective applicants should obtain further particulars from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF. Applications close on 15 January, 1979.

University of Surrey

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

RESEARCH FELLOW AND RESEARCH OFFICER

Applications are invited for two posts, one Research Fellow and one Research Officer to join a research team studying the expenditure of North Sea oil revenue. The project which is supported by the SSRC and is under the direction of Dr H. Motamen will involve the application of Control Theory to analysis alternative planning strategies for North Sea oil earnings.

The appointment for up to two years, will be from February, 1979, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Research Fellow should have a mathematical background and a knowledge of econometric techniques. The Research Officer will be expected to have experience in computer programming.

It is expected that the Fellow will be appointed within the 4th and 8th point of the scale (£3,883-£7,754) and the Research Officer within the 1st and 5th point of the scale (£3,384-£4,882).

Further particulars about the post may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Personnel), University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, or telephone Guildford 71281 Ext. 452. Applications from men and women in the form of a curriculum vitae including the names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the above by 22nd December, 1978.

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

DEPARTMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND TEACHING AIDS LABORATORY

ARTIST/DESIGNER

Applications are invited from graduate artists to fill this senior position in the Graphics team of the University's central teaching aids department. This appointment calls for an unusual degree of versatility as an artist. The successful candidate will be expected to have developed a high standard of ability as a draughtsman and illustrator, as well as being a competent and imaginative designer. He or she should have wide experience of producing art work for media of all kinds and be particularly interested in the communication of ideas in medicine, science and the arts.

Salary will be at an appropriate point on one of the following scales: Grade IA £3,883-£5,556 or Grade II £5,517-£7,754 p.a., according to age, qualifications and experience. Membership of the appropriate University superannuation scheme will be required. The appointment is tenable from 1st April, 1979.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU with whom applications (3 copies) together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged not later than 30th December, 1978. Please quote reference T.

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Senior Research Assistant

Applications are invited for the vacancy of Senior Research Assistant in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Technology. Applicants should have some research experience in Metallurgy or a related discipline and the successful candidate will work on the Hot Ductility of Cupro-Nickel Alloys.

The appointment, which will continue until 30th September, 1980, in the first instance, will be on a scale up to £4,631 per annum together with USS/USDPS benefits.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom they should be returned by Tuesday, 19th December, 1978.

University of Nottingham Medical School

SENIOR LECTURER OR LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY (BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES)

Applications are invited for this post within the Department of Psychiatry, soon to be vacant due to the appointment of the present holder to a Chair elsewhere. The post is one of three which together form the Behavioural Sciences Section of the Department of Psychiatry based in the new Medical School next to the University campus. Duties will include a large contribution towards the organization and teaching of the course in Behavioural Sciences, together with responsibility for further development of a Behavioural Sciences module and project supervision for the Honours Year students. Salary will be on the appropriate scale with membership of USS/FSSU as appropriate.

The curriculum at Nottingham Medical School features an unusual degree of integration between the various departments and between pre-clinical and clinical studies, so an interest in psychology in relation to medicine will be required. Experience in the teaching of medical students and a clinical qualification will be an advantage, but not essential. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue a research interest.

Further information can be obtained from Professor J. E. Cooper, University Department of Psychiatry, Mapperley Hospital, Porchester Road, Nottingham NG1 6HA. Application forms may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar (Medical School), Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH, to whom they should be returned completed by the 10th January 1979.

Leicester University

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

required to undertake work on the mathematical modelling and digital simulation of nuclear reactor dynamics. This post would be suitable for a young newly qualified PhD wishing to gain experience in this branch of engineering. Candidates should have a first degree in Engineering, Mathematics or Physics and have practical experience in the use of Fortran IV. An appropriate research background would be an advantage but is not necessary. The appointment will commence as soon as possible and will be for a two year period. Initial salary from £3,883 (under review).

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Head of Department of Engineering, The University, Leicester, LE1 7RH quoting ref.: RF9.

Royal Institute of International Affairs

LIBRARIAN

Applications are invited for the post of Librarian which will become vacant on the retirement of the present holder, in June, 1979.

Graduates with library qualifications, a working knowledge of modern European languages, and some administrative experience should write to the Administrative Director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 10 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE, for further particulars. Closing date for applications—12 January, 1979.

Chelsea College

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Department of Electronics has a vacancy for a

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT

for a two year period. The project, supported by SRC, is to investigate a fast D.C. to microwave frequency counter using a microprocessor. Suitably qualified applicants should previously have had some experience of microwave and microprocessor techniques. Starting salary up to £3,883 per annum plus £460 London Allowance. Further details can be obtained from Mr C. S. Aitchison, Reader in Electronics, Chelsea College, Pulton Place, London SW6 5PR (01-736 1214).

NOTICE

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VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Council and Senate of the University of East Anglia have appointed a Joint Committee to recommend a successor to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Frank Thistlethwaite who retires on 30 September, 1980.

The Committee invites applications for the post. Persons with appropriate qualifications and experience may write privately to the Chairman of the Committee (the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council, Mr. T. J. A. Colman) care of the Registrar and Secretary, University of East Anglia, if possible no later than the middle of January, 1979.

The Committee would also welcome suggestions of the names of persons suitable for consideration and these should similarly be addressed to the Pro-Chancellor. The Council reserves the right to appoint to the post by invitation.

Information about the University and further particulars of the post may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, University of East Anglia, The Registry, Norwich NR4 7TJ.

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DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING,
IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
LONDON SW7 2BX.

ORIEL COLLEGE, OXFORD

OFFICIAL FELLOWSHIP AND LECTURESHIP IN LAW

Oriel College proposes to elect in Hilary Term an Official Fellow and Tutor in Law with effect from 1 October, 1979. A part-time university lectureship is associated with the Fellowship and the successful candidate will be eligible for appointment to this post by the Board of the Faculty of Law. Further particulars including details of emoluments may be obtained from

The Provost,
ORIEL COLLEGE,
Oxford OX1 4EW,

to whom applications should be sent not later than 6 January, 1979, together with the names of three referees and a curriculum vitae.

University of Nairobi—Kenya

Applications are invited for the post of

SENIOR LECTURER

in the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY—FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE. Applicants should have a first degree in Veterinary Medicine and a Ph.D or its equivalent in the field of Veterinary Public Health together with adequate teaching and research experience at University level. Duties will include teaching of Veterinary Students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. The appointee will be expected to do research and to assist in expansion of the department in its teaching and research programmes in Veterinary Public Health. Salary: K£2,988-3,984 p.a. (K£1=£1.56 sterling). The British Government may provide salary supplementation of £4,770 p.a. (sterling) for married appointee or £3,252 p.a. (sterling) for single appointee (reviewed annually and normally free of all tax) and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. Family passages; SSSF or FSSU non-contributory medical scheme; subsidised housing / housing allowance. Detailed applications (2 copies) with curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees to be sent direct to Registrar (Recruitment and Training), University of Nairobi, PO Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya, by 21 December 1978. Applicants resident in the UK should also send one copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further details may be obtained from either address.

Queen Mary College

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Aeronautical Engineering Department

Applications are invited for two

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

for 2-year appointments on SRC sponsored investigation. One post will be concerned with an experimental programme including measurements of unsteady surface pressures, and boundary layer and wake characteristics, on an aerofoil in the Departmental Gust Tunnel. The other post is for a theoretical investigation into improved methods of estimating unsteady boundary layer characteristics. Relevant experience in fluid mechanics in Mechanical or Aeronautical Engineering, or Physics or Mathematics would be expected. Salary in range (under review) £4,359-£4,858 pa (including London Allowance). Please apply by letter giving age, qualifications, experience and names of 2 referees, to The Registrar (T), Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS.

University of Bristol

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT (£4,382-£5,367)

Applications are invited for the above post from biological scientists with experience in cell membrane or protein biochemistry and immunology. The successful applicant will join a new M.R.C. funded 3-year programme to investigate the use of membrane antigens as a possible EB-virus vaccine as part of a wider study; technical help will be available. The appointment will be for one year initially, renewable annually. Replies in writing, giving the names and addresses of two referees to Professor M. A. Epstein, Department of Pathology, The Medical School, University Walk, Bristol, BS8 1TD by 16th December, 1978.

The University of Leeds

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

from 1 October, 1979. Preference may be given to a candidate with particular interest and experience in Shakespeare and/or Renaissance Literature. Salary on the scale for lecturers, £3,883-£7,754 (under review) according to age, qualifications and experience. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 3/14A. Closing date for applications 15 December, 1978.

The University of Lancaster

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

CHAIR AND DIRECTORSHIP of the Centre for the Study of Arms Control and International Security

The University, with the financial support of the Ford Foundation, is to set up a Centre for the Study of Arms Control and International Security and is to establish Director of the Centre. Applications are invited for this Chair to be held by the post. The appointment will take effect from 1 September, 1979, or an earlier date by mutual agreement.

The Centre, which will be a section of the Department of Politics, will be principally concerned with research and graduate training. It is intended that the work of the Centre should focus on arms control and security issues in the West European context. The Director will be expected to play a leading part in setting up the organisation of the Centre and in determining its detailed research policy.

Further particulars may be obtained (quoting reference L96/A) from the Establishment Officer, University House, Lancaster, LA1 4YW, to whom applications (nine copies) naming three referees, should be sent not later than 12 January, 1979.

The University of Manchester

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS IN MOLECULAR BEAM SCATTERING

Applications are invited for two post-doctoral research assistantships supported by S.R.C. in the research group of Professor R. Grice, to study (a) molecular beam reactive scattering or (b) molecular beam studies of reactions of aeronomic importance. The work involves the measurement of reactive scattering with universal molecular beam machines employing mass spectrometric detection and time-of-flight analysis. Experience in reaction kinetics and vacuum technology would be an advantage. Initial salaries up to £4,382 pa and £4,631 pa, respectively, with appointments for one year in the first instance. Superannuable. Applications (no forms) to the Registrar, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, enclosing a curriculum vitae and the names of two referees. Closing date December 20th. Quote Ref: 261 78. T.

University of Birmingham

FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTRE FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

Applications are invited for the temporary post of

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (RANGE 1B)

to work with a project on the evolution of an inner-city housing market. Candidates should have a degree in a social science or history and be meticulous in the recording of data. Research experience is required. The appointment is for 1 year from 1st January 1979. Salary will be within the bottom third of the scale (£3,384-£5,883) plus superannuation. Further particulars and application form from the Assistant Registrar (Commerce), University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham, B15 2TT to whom the form, naming three referees, should be returned by Friday 15th December 1978 quoting reference C/232/A).

University College Cardiff

Applications are invited for the post of

STAFF TUTOR

(Music) in the DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES. Salary range £3,883-£7,754. Duties to commence as soon as possible.

Applications (3 copies) together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be forwarded to the Vice-Principal (Administration) and Registrar, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Closing date 5th January, 1979. Please quote reference 1646.

THE UNIVERSITY OF JUBA

SUDAN

Applications are invited for the following posts in the COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:—(Staff are urgently required in Juba by mid-February, 1979).

1. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION.
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3. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN WILDLIFE.
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6. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN ECOLOGY.
7. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN BIOCHEMISTRY.
8. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN PLANT PROTECTION.
9. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN PHYSICS.
10. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN SOIL SCIENCE.
11. PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/LECTURER IN ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY.

Salary scales: Professor £S5,450 p.a.; Associate Professor £S4,030-£S4,550 p.a.; Lecturer £S1,500-£S3,500 p.a. (these scales exclude cost of living allowance) (£S1 = £1.27 sterling). The British Government may supplement salaries in range £3,408-£3,966 p.a. (sterling) for married appointees or £1,092-£1,734 p.a. (sterling) for single appointees (normally free of all tax and presently under review) and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. Family passages; various allowances; superannuation scheme; annual overseas leave. Detailed applications (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be sent by air mail, not later than 28 December 1978 to the Secretary General, University of Juba, P.O. Box 82, Juba, Sudan. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send 1 copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

BRITISH TOURIST AUTHORITY

HEAD OF TRAVEL INFORMATION UNIT

The British Tourist Authority is the national body responsible for the promotion overseas of tourism to Britain.

The travel unit provides an information/intelligence service on transport and travel to and within the U.K., and covers educational and special interest travel, and visitor facilities including entry/exit regulations, port of entry, shopping, currency, etc.

The unit consists of a team of five people, and the person appointed will be expected to manage the team and co-ordinate the unit's information and printed output, frequently working to strict deadlines. An information and/or editorial background would be most appropriate for this post.

The salary range rises to £5,519 per annum. Conditions include 22½ days' leave, index-linked pension scheme and flexible hours.

Detailed, written applications should be addressed to: (Mrs.) R. C. Cornfield, Personnel Officer, (Home Staff), Queen's House, 64 St. James's Street, London SW1A 1NF.

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL, NORTHWOOD, MIDDX

BURSAR

Applications are invited for the post of Bursar and Clerk to the Governors of St. Helen's School, Northwood, an independent school for girls with 600 day and 200 boarding pupils. The present Bursar retires at the end of the Summer term and the new appointee should be available to join early in that term.

Candidates, of either sex, should be aged between 35 and 45. Experience in a similar capacity in an educational establishment would be an advantage. Competence in financial matters, accounting and administration is essential, as is a personality which would fit happily into the team of people running the School.

Salary negotiable, but not less than £6,000 per annum. Possibility of accommodation.

Applicants (enclosing a full curriculum vitae, recent photograph and names of two referees), should write to the Headmistress for further particulars.

BRITISH INSTITUTE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Applications are invited for the post of

DIRECTOR

of the British Institute in South-East Asia, based in Singapore. The purpose of the Institute, which was established in 1976, is to promote research by British scholars in cooperation with scholars and institutions in the area, particularly in the fields of archaeology, history and culture. The area includes all the countries of South-East Asia, including Burma and the Philippines, except China and Japan.

Applicants should be British or Commonwealth subjects and should be of some seniority, with a knowledge of at least one of the countries in the area. Experience of negotiation would be an advantage. A five-year contract is envisaged, at a salary in the British universities Senior Lecturer range. The post is superannuable. Travel, subsistence and office allowances will be negotiated. The post is vacant from 1 March 1979 and should be taken up not later than 1st October 1979. Applications, with the names of two referees, should reach The Secretary, The British Academy, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0NS, by 31st January, 1979.

University of London

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AND SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION

The Council invites applications for the following appointments:

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These are appointments in connection with a new subject to be introduced for first examination in June, 1981. Two Chief Examiners appointments will be made: one an expert in the Modern Period, 19th Century and 20th Century and the other expert in the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque periods.

Applicants should be graduates or hold appropriate qualifications and should be between the ages of 25 and 65 with three years' recent teaching experience; experience in GCE examining would be an advantage.

Application forms and particulars of remuneration, conditions of appointment and duties may be obtained from the Secretary to the University Entrance and School Examinations Council, University of London, 66-72 Gower Street, London, W.C.1, to whom completed forms should be returned not later than Friday, 5th January, 1979.

Applicants should enclose a self-addressed foolscap envelope.

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The salary is Headteacher Group 8 Scale on the Burnham Scale. In addition, the Head will receive full board and lodging, entertainment and car allowances. Normally a graduate of a British University would be appointed.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Governors, St. Elphin's School c/o 3, Winwick Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1XS.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 12th January, 1979.

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University of Bristol

BRISTOL WAVE ENERGY PROJECT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for a post of Research Assistant to join an S.R.C. supported multi-disciplinary team working on wave-energy devices. The theoretical work is being carried out in the Department of Mathematics and this is being complemented by an experimental programme on a particular device in the Department of Civil Engineering.

The Research Assistant is needed on the experimental side. The work involves the design of both analogue and digital electronics for experimental rigs. The successful candidate would normally have a good Honours degree (or equivalent) in Electronic Engineering. A knowledge of the interfacing of computers to experimental rigs for control and data acquisition would also be desirable, but is not essential.

The appointment is for two years commencing as soon as possible, at a salary in the range £3,883 to £4,882 per annum (scale under review).

Application with curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent as soon as possible to Dr. D. V. Evans, School of Mathematics, University Walk, Bristol BS8 1TW.

University of London

CHAIR OF ANAESTHETICS AT GUY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Senate invites applications for the newly-established Chair of Anaesthetics at Guy's Hospital Medical School. Further details should be obtained from the Academic Registrar (T), Senate House (Room 35), Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU, before submitting applications (11 copies). Closing date 19 January, 1979.

University of Bristol

CHAIR OF SURGERY

The University, in conjunction with the Avon Area Health Authority (Teaching), invites applications for appointment to the Chair of Surgery.

Suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit applications by 8th January, 1979. Further particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary of the University, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH.

AUSTRALIA

Applications are invited for the following posts, for which applications close on the dates shown. SALARIES (unless otherwise stated) are as follows: Professor $A31,789; Senior Lecturer $A20,365-$A23,737; Lecturer $A15,179-$A19,940. Further details, conditions of appointment for each post and application procedure may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Sydney

LECTURERS (TWO) IN PHYSICS

Appointments will be made in the field of solar energy physics. The positions may be filled either on a tenured basis or, in the first instance, for a probationary period of three years with the possibility of tenure being given during or shortly after that period, or in certain cases return fares.

31 January, 1979.

University of New South Wales, Sydney

PROFESSOR OF DRAMA

School of Drama

Applications are invited for appointment following the retirement of Professor Robert Quentin in 1977. The appointee will have high academic qualications, together with experience of theatre and will become head of the School. The School is academic in character and is not involved in training for the stage.

Subject to the consent of the University Council, professors may undertake a limited amount of higher consultative work.

The University reserves the right to fill any chair by invitation.

30 March, 1979.

University of Newcastle New South Wales

PROFESSOR OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE IN RELATION TO MEDICINE

Faculty of Medicine

Applications are invited for appointment to the Chair of Behavioural Science in relation to Medicine.

The Foundation Professor is Professor P. A. Vinson, who will be taking up a new appointment as Foundation Director of the Social Welfare Research Centre being established at the University of New South Wales in April 1979.

The successful applicant will have educational responsibilities in the areas of communication skills, community aspects of medicine, the sociology of health and disease, personal, social and cultural development, the dynamics of human behaviour and the sociology of professions. He will be expected to promote research in his own discipline but will also be encouraged to assist in the development of collaborative research.

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28 February, 1979.

Australian National University

LECTURER IN CLASSICS

Faculty of Arts

The appointee will be expected to share fully in teaching the courses offered by the Department of Classics (Head: Mr. McKay). Honours graduates with qualifications in any field relevant to the department will be considered, but preference will be given, other things being equal, to a person with interests in one or more of Greek history, Greek literature and Roman literature of their respective classical periods. The appointee will be required to take up duty as soon as possible after 27 September, 1979.

22 January, 1979.

SENIOR LECTURER IN HUMAN SCIENCES

Courses in Human Adaptability and Human Ecology are offered in the Human Sciences Programme, which has membership of the Faculties of Arts and Science but which is attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Prehistory and Anthropology.

Applicants for this position must be persons of broad interests, training and experience appropriate to a programme teaching integrative multi-disciplinary courses. The successful applicant must be prepared to accept administrative responsibility for the programme.

15 January, 1979.

Tenure. Appointment as Senior Lecturer will be for three years in the first instance with possibility of reappointment, after review, to retiring age.

Other conditions: Reasonable appointment expenses are paid. Superannuation benefits are available for applicants who are eligible to contribute.

Assistance with housing is provided for an appointee from outside Canberra.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any time.

Monash University

LECTURER IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

(tenure or fixed term)
Department of Geography

Applications are invited from persons with qualifications in any field of physical geography. Physical geographers now in the Department have interests that include hydrology, geomorphology, biogeography, Quaternary studies, and climatology. The Department is interested in applicants whose experience will complement, in breadth or depth, some of these interests.

20 December, 1978.

LECTURER—FACULTY OF EDUCATION

(3 year—fixed term)

Duties involve mounting a general language programme and assisting in the English methods course at the Dip.Ed. level, and teaching and supervision of theses in the English Language Arts area at the postgraduate level. It is expected that the successful applicant will be able to take up the appointment by the end of February 1979.

29 December, 1978.

LECTURER IN EDUCATION

(3 year—fixed term)
Department of Education

Applications are invited from graduates with high qualifications in either philosophy of education or areas of philosophy related to education. As the appointee will be expected to teach in the course for the Diploma in Education, some teaching experience in schools is desirable. It is expected that the successful applicant will be able to take up the appointment by the end of February, 1979.

22 December, 1978.

LECTURER IN ECONOMETRICS

(tenure or fixed term)
Department of Econometrics & Operations Research

Applicants should have research and teaching interests in the area of econometric theory, applied econometrics or economic statistics.

31 March, 1979.

LECTURER IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH

(tenure or fixed term)
Department of Econometrics & Operations Research

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31 March, 1979.

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Final year undergraduates or recent graduates are invited to apply. Applicants must have, or expect to obtain, a First or a good Upper Second Class Honours Degree or the equivalent.

Further particulars and an application form for the Scholarships and for Graduate Study may be obtained from the Faculty Office at the address below. Applicants should state their subject of study and where they saw this notice.

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University of Otago

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LECTURER OR SENIOR LECTURER IN MEDICINE

Applications are invited from medical graduates for the position of Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in the Department of Medicine in the Christchurch Clinical School of Medicine. Applicants should have special clinical and research experience in the field of gastroenterology. Specific enquiries should be addressed to Professor D. W. Beaven, Department of Medicine, The Princess Margaret Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Salary: Lecturer NZ$13,673-$17,700; Senior Lecturer NZ$19,086-$25,729 per annum. A particularly well qualified applicant could be appointed with the status of Associate Professor NZ$27,026-$30,738. An allowance for clinical responsibility may be available in the light of status and duties performed.

Further particulars are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar of the University.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified scientists for the post of Head of the Soil Microbiology Department to succeed Dr. P. S. Nutman, FRS, who retires in Autumn, 1979.

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University of Essex

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for appointment to the above post in Grade 1A (£3,384-£6,555 p.a. under review) as soon as possible after 1 January, 1979. The appointee will carry out a range of duties based in the office which handles student admissions and schools liaison and will have a particular responsibility for work connected with County and schools liaison and for the support of post-experience courses. Applicants should be University graduates and experience in administration, teaching, or the social services might be an advantage. Further particulars are available from the Registrar (P 15/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, to whom applications (five copies) including a curriculum vitae and naming two referees, must be sent not later than December 12, 1978.

University of Bristol

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD HEALTH

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Post-doctoral scientist or equivalent with experience in electron microscopy, immunology and or autoradiography to work on immediate hypersensitivity in the lung. The position, which is on the salary scale Range 1A for research staff £3,883-£6,555 per annum (under review) is funded by the Wellcome Trust and is available immediately.

Applications with a curriculum vitae and two further referees to Dr P. Carswell, from whom further information obtainable, Department of Child Health, Children's Hospital, Bristol BS2 8BJ.

BRITISH INSTITUTE IN S.E. Asia need Director. See University Appts.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS also on page 5

Commercial Properties & Services to the Business World

Town centre schemes forge ahead

Town centre schemes make steady progress these days in all parts of the country. In Rugby, plans by Chesterfield Properties for the redevelopment of the town centre there have now received planning consent and site work has started. Architects for the scheme are Halpern and Partners and their design will provide about 120,000 sq ft of retail space on the ground floor and a similar amount on the first floor, together with parking for about 500 cars. Units have already been reserved by a number of national retailers.

These so far include Sainsburys, International Stores, Martins, Mothercare, Wilkinsons Hardware and Lotus and Delta. It is not expected that arrangements will be made for further lettings until early next year. The agents are Healey and Baker, of London, and Don Willis and Associates, of Rugby.

In York, site work has begun on the first phase of The Stonegate Arcade, with the main construction work due to start next year. Architects for the scheme are Tom Adams Design Associates, of York, and the developers are Bellway Holdings, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

The scheme is a 26,000 sq ft shop and office development which will comprise some 20 units, together with 3,500 sq ft of offices, with covered pedestrian ways.

Traditional materials are to be used to blend in with surrounding buildings, most of which are listed as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Completion is due about May, 1980, and the scheme is estimated to have an investment value of about £1.3m. Letting agents are Broader and Spencer, of York, and Hepper Watson, of Leeds.

Work has just started on a new office scheme by Grosvenor Square Properties in Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey, on the old market site, close to the main railway station and adjoining the bus station in the town centre.

The development will comprise a four-storey block providing 11,750 sq ft of net lettable area. Completion is expected in about a year. Grosvenor Square Properties have undertaken the development on a ground lease of 125 years from Woking Borough Council.

Pearson Williams represented the developers and Donaldsons acted for the freeholders. Both firms have been retained as letting agents. Design is by the Bernard Engle Partnership. Finance for the scheme has been arranged with institutional clients of Jones, Lang, Wootton. Cost is about £1m.

In London, the renovation of United Kingdom House, at 180 Oxford Street, has been completed and the building is now available for letting through Edward Erdman and Co and Gross Fine and Krieger Chalfen at a rent of £2.2m a year.

The work has resulted in a new modern office building behind the old renovated facades, which now provides a total of 162,500 sq ft on six floors. Each floor contains at least 23,500 sq ft. The building is available as a whole, but is capable of division.

Entrance is in Great Titchfield Street. The scheme has been carried out by Machurst Ltd, the property development arm of UK Provident.



Catherine House, Leonard Street, London, EC2, leased to London United Computing Services.

Another interesting reconstruction scheme now nearing completion is that of the former Johnson Matthey headquarters at 73-83 Hatton Garden. The project is being carried out by Johnson Matthey and Co and Hereditable Developments. Architects are Halpern and Partners.

The building is arranged around a large private courtyard which is landscaped on three levels, with ponds, waterfalls, trees and shrubs. The complex will provide 80,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices, plus 57,500 sq ft of light industrial space.

Completion is due in the spring and letting is through Bernard Thorpe and Partners who are quoting a rent for the office portion of £895,000 a year.

In Scotland, Norwich Union plan to carry out an office development of some 62,900 sq ft in central Aberdeen. Construction is due to start in the middle of next year, for completion about the middle of 1981.

The scheme includes the renovation of about 10,900 sq ft in existing buildings giving on to North Silver Street and to construct a new five-storey building of 52,000 sq ft giving on to Union Terrace.

This new building will replace the existing one formerly occupied by Grampian Regional Council and now vacant. The existing facade will be retained so that the present appearance of Union Terrace will be preserved.

Norwich Union are to be granted a long lease of the site by Grampian Regional Council and total development cost will amount to some £3.4m. Architects for the scheme are William Nimmo and Partners, of Glasgow, and letting will be through Males and McDonald, of Edinburgh, and the Glasgow office of Jones, Lang, Wootton.

In Edinburgh, Cosmass Developments have now completed the restoration of 17 Waterloo Place. Constructed in 1819 to a design by Archibald Elliott, the building has now been modernized to provide a total of 23,000 sq ft on eight levels. Work has included the installation of two new lifts and an impressive entrance hall. Letting is through Elliott, Son and Boyton and Macarthur Stewart and Orr, and the rent is £115,000 a year.

Catherine House, at 56-64 Leonard Street, London, EC2, previously occupied by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co, of New York, has been let to London United Computing Services, a subsidiary of United Computing Systems of America, and will become the headquarters controlling their European operations.

The building, which provides 31,000 sq ft, was completely reconstructed in 1973 and is fully air-conditioned. Features are a self-contained car park and private gardens. Jones, Lang, Wootton, acted for Morgan Guaranty and Birchain and Co represented London United Computing Systems. It is understood that a rent in the region of £6.50 a sq ft is agreed.

Through Chestertons Austin Reed have sold the freehold of their store in Ostergate, Copenhagen, for DKr12.5m to a Jutland Savings Bank. The five-storey buildings occupies a corner site on the Stroget, the main pedestrianized shopping street, and has a total area of 1,400 sq metres. The store with a corner frontage of ... metres, has sales areas on four levels, providing about 850 sq metres of space.

The bank, which intends to renovate the whole building and install air-conditioning, will occupy the basement, ground and first floors. It has retained Chestertons to let the surplus 675 sq metres of offices.

Architects for Spen... House, a new office block in Victoria mentioned in last week's property column, are Chapman Taylor and Partners and not H. L. Watern... and Partners, as originally stated on behalf of the developers, who are, in f... engineers for the development.

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A. N. F. Rees, Chief Executive & Town Clerk, November 27, 1978

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1978-79

LONDON TRANSPORT

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the London Transport Executive (hereinafter referred to as "the Executive") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:—

1. Construction of the following works:—
In Greater London—
In the London boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Greenwich and Newham—Work No. 1.
A railway (8.967 metres in length).
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A railway (3.000 metres in length).
In the London boroughs of Newham and Greenwich—Work No. 3.
A railway (4.400 metres in length).
In the London borough of Tower Hamlets—Work No. 4.
A new ticket hall at Shadwell Station.
In the London borough of Southwark—Work No. 5.
An enlargement of the ticket hall and improvement of access to platforms at Rotherhithe Station.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works and as to the use of electrical power on the proposed railways. Power to open up the surface of parts of Cinnamon Street and Clave Street in the London borough of Tower Hamlets, Saville Road and Connaught Road in the London borough of Newham and Taylors Buildings in the London borough of Greenwich. Power to stop up temporarily parts of Cinnamon Street, Clave Street and Cornwall Street in the London borough of Tower Hamlets, Connaught Road and Saville Road in the London borough of Newham, Taylors Buildings in the London borough of Greenwich and Railway Avenue in the London borough of Southwark. Power to stop up and discontinue Wapping Dock Street in the London borough of Tower Hamlets.

3. Acquisition of lands, subsoil and new rights and power to use lands in the areas aforesaid of the proposed works. The said lands include a portion of the public gardens (having an area of 3,150 square metres) known as Sir John McDougall Gardens, West Ferry Road in the London borough of Southwark, a portion of the public open space (having an area of 5,400 square metres) known as Drew Road Open Space, Parker Street and the public gardens (having an area of 1,100 square metres) adjoining Albert Road and Wythes Road in the London borough of Newham. Acquisition of land at King William Street in the city of London in connection with Work No. 1 authorised by the London Transport Act 1971. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

4. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands or easements authorised to be acquired by the British Transport Commission Act 1961, London Transport Act 1971 and London Transport Act 1976.

5. Power to establish and to manage for any person an undertaking to carry on a business in which the Executive have skill or experience.

6. Provision for setting up, maintaining and inscribing such distance markers along the Executive's railways as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State and for wilful interference with distance markers to be made an offence.

7. Amendment of provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 so as to increase the maximum fines for certain offences.

And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the said intended works, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Director-General and Clerk to the Greater London Council at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, London SE1 7PB, and a copy of so much of the said plans, sections and book of reference as relates to each of the areas hereinafter mentioned has been deposited for public inspection with the officers hereinafter mentioned as follows:—

as relates to the London borough of Tower Hamlets with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of that borough at his office at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN;

as relates to the London borough of Newham with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of that borough at his office at the Town Hall, High Street South, London E6 2RP;

as relates to the London borough of Greenwich with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of that borough at his office at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, London SE18 6PW; and

as relates to the London borough of Southwark with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of that borough at his office at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB;

as relates to the city of London, with the Town Clerk of that city at his office at Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ.

On and after the 4th day of December 1978 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 30p for each copy at the undermentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons the latest date for depositing such a Petition in that House will be 30th January 1979; if it originates in the House of Lords the latest date for depositing a Petition in that House will be 6th February 1979. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 27th day of November 1978.

V. J. MOORFOOT,
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...rs and Christmas cakes (Thames, 2.00)

...cording to Jonathan Miller who, being a ...ll about these things, everyone has suffered ...t one time or another. It is hard to believe that ...ened to Dr Miller himself, although he has ...any others in that state as he rattles off facts, ...ors, jokes, theories and reminiscences—seemingly ...g in or out—in his medical essays The Body ...C 2, 9.30). Breathlessness is his theme tonight. ...explaining that the guilty party could be the ...blood, he executes some abstract painting on a ...n takes in so much of his own recycled oxygen ...ut on us. He fares somewhat better in the thin ...he Bolivian Andes.

...night's Chronicle documentary (BBC 2, 7.20) ...wo divers, separated by 250 years, yet both after ...silver bullion off the Madeiras. An English ...bridge, brought up three tons of ingots in 1725. ...ars ago, a Belgian diver, Robert Stenuit, ...more of them. Stenuit had the benefit ...help that modern technology could offer. ...him was: how did Lethbridge, presumbaly ...ficial aids, manage such a magnificent haul? ...amme, introduced by Stenuit, indulges in some ...ulation.

...tonight's World in Action programme (ITV 8.30) ...Britain's 120,000 young people in local authority ...articular, on their demands for the same kind ...d by youngsters not in care. Some of the ...a union; similar to the one in the Netherlands. ...s of the Dutch scheme appear in tonight's ...ey are a teenager in care, a residential worker ...sor. They talk to a group of British children

...n of Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.02) includes ...ts can be won by listeners who have the ...ies of the whys, hows, wheres and wherefores ...itions of the programme. Some readers have ...a heavy irony, that it is only the wheres that ...hey were told, as part of the wavelength changes, ...lio 4 on long wave at the 1500m spot on the dial. ...l they got was graveyard quiet. Similar ...reached the BBC who say there are three ...for the silent service. One: because the long ...a radio set has not been used for so long (if ...ve become corroded or dusty. So, operate the ...een times and see if you can dislodge the ...vo: if the radio is battery-operated and the ...flat, long wave will go dead before medium-wave control may, anyway, be faulty. See your

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.38 am, For Schools, colleges (until 12.10): 9.38, Everyday Maths. 10.00, Merry-Go-Round. 10.23, Exploring Science (beat). 11.22, Music time (Christmas concert). 11.45, General Studies (extraterrestials).
12.45 pm, News and weather.
1.00, Pebble Mill: includes the competition heats for Young Engineer for Britain.
1.45, The Flumps: puppet show for children.
2.01, For Schools, colleges (until 3.00): 2.01, Words and Pictures. 2.18, Twentieth-century History (Stalin). 2.40, Going to Work.
3.53, Regional News (not London).
4.20, Maxidog: another cartoon from Czechoslovakia. Fig Gets Wise.
4.25, Jackanory: Ronald Pickup reads from Gabriel Alington's Willow's Luck.
4.40, C. B. Bears: cartoon. Disaster from the Skies.
5.00, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel.
5.05, Blue Peter: announcement about the programme's appeal for 1978.
5.35, Ivor the Engine: Oliver Postgate story.
5.40, News: with Peter Woods.
5.55, Nationwide: this edition include Glyn Worsnip's correspondent item, Pigeonhole.
6.50, It Ain't Half Hot Mum: the padre thinks the concert party show is lewd. But, how to clean it up?
7.20, Tycoon: was Diana Clark's husband involved in plotting a coup in Africa? A mercenary holds the answer.
8.10, Panorama: the presenters are Charles Wheeler, Robin Day, and Fred Emery of *The Times*.
9.00, News: with Peter Woods.
9.25, Film: Harry in Your Pocket (1973): comedy thriller. Pickpocker James Coburn tries to teach the tricks of the trade to a young couple (Michael Sarazzin and Trish Van Devere). Walter Pigeon plays the veteran thief who also steals the film.
11.05, Tonight: the anti-nuclear protesters who took on the bulldozers at Torness in Scotland.
11.45, Weather/Regional News.

BBC 2

10.05, The Role of the Nurse: Film: for students, about accidents and emergencies. (r).
10.30, Servants of the Public? For trade unionists. The problems of workers in local government and publicly-owned industries. (r).
11.00, Play School: Leonore Klein's story: Eight Children and a Baby. Closedown at 11.25.
2.15, Let's Go: for the mentally handicapped. Brian Rix on the subject of cycling.
2.30, Roads to Conflict: series about the Middle East dispute. Part 8: Nasser and Israel (r).
3.00, Knitting Fashion: hints on hand-knitting and crochet. Today: design in colour (r).
3.30, Making Toys: today—the world in miniature.
4.00, Parents and School: The question is: "Should parents have more access to schools?" (r). Closedown at 4.25.
5.35, News: with sub-titles for the hard-of-hearing.
6.50, And Now the Good News: Richard Stilgoe's optimistic lookback at the week's news. His musical guests are The Cambridge Buskers.
7.15, News and Weather.
7.20, Chronicle: The Treasure of Porto Santo. A new investigation reveals how, in 1724—a year after a Dutch ship went down with silver on board—an English diver managed to salvage many of the ingots. (See Personal Choice.)
8.10, The Ricky Jay Magic Show: This brilliant American illusionist heads a team of equally baffling magicians. Also starring a song and dance pig.
9.00, Monty Python's Flying Circus: a repeat showing of one of the comedy bits of yesteryear.
9.30, The Body in Question: Jonathan Miller finds out why some people suffer from breathlessness. (See Personal Choice).
10.20, Word for Word: Robert Robinson and Vicky Payne have fun with the English language.
10.50, Exploring Photography: The subject tonight is social documentary. Interviews with Don McCullin and Ian Berry who have completed major projects on the British.
11.15, News.
11.30, Closedown: Peter Wilson, chairman of Sotheby's, talks about a favourite painting.

THAMES

9.30 am, Schools (until 12.00): 9.30, Finding Out (Christmas); 9.47, How we Used to Live; 10.10, It's Your Future; 10.35, Writers' Workshop; 11.05, My World: Real Life (police work); 11.17, The Messengers (propaganda films); 11.39, Making a Living.
12.00, Paperplay: how to make a model lighthouse.
12.10 pm, Stepping Stones: the subject is cats.
12.30, What About the Workers? The question of workers participation in industry.
1.00, News: with Peter Sissons.
1.20, Thames News: with Robin Houston.
1.30, About Britain: a visit to the Game Fair at Kinmount in Dumfries.
2.00, After Noon: Cooking for Christmas, with Mary Berry, and Judith Chalmers.
2.25, Film: Then Came Bronson (1970): Story of a disillusioned reporter (Michael Parks) who tries to start a new life. (With Akim Tamiroff, Bonnie Bedelia.
4.20, Clapperboard: The new version of The 39 Steps is compared with the original by Hitchcock.
4.45, The Paper Lads: stories about a newspaper delivery gang. Today: who stole the whippet?



Glynn Edwards and Anne Jameson in The Paper Lads *(ITV, 4.45).*

5.15, Mr and Mrs: quiz for married couples.
5.45, News.
6.00, Thames at Six: regional magazine.
6.25: Help! Joan Shenton provides it.
6.35, Crossroads: Some surprising news for Meg Mortimer.
7.00, Bernie: comedy series with Bernie Winters in sketches, including one about a nervous highwayman.
7.30, Coronation Street: Mr Baldwin is accused of wrongful dismissal.
8.00, Robin's Nest: The quiet picnic that turns into an office outing.
8.30, World in Action: The 120,000 young people in care in Britain—and the rights some of them are now demanding. (see Personal Choice).
9.00, Streets of San Francisco: Crime thriller series. The female impersonator half of whom is a killer.
10.00, News.
10.30, Film: Fraulein Doktor (1968): First World War drama about a woman spy (Suzy Kendall) who has orders to kill Kitchener. With Kenneth More and Capucine.
12.20 am, Close: the painting is by Picasso, the music is by Stravinsky.

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Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.
6.10, Farming Week.
6.30, Today.
7.00, 8.00, News.
7.30, 8.30, Headlines.
8.35, The Week on 4.
8.45, John Ebdon: BBC Sound Archives.
9.00, News.
9.05, Start the Week: Richard Baker.
10.00, News.
10.05, Wildlife.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story: The Witch.
11.00, A Farthing for a Butterfly: Whistler's libel action against Ruskin.
11.45, Listen with Mother.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, Top of the Form (11): West of England v Northern Ireland.
1.00, The World at One.
1.40, The Archers.
2.00, News.
2.02, Woman's Hour.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: Against all Natural Instincts by Joan Lock.
4.35, Story: The Master of Ballantrae (6).
5.00, Reports.
6.00, Six O'clock News.
6.30, Dr Finlay's Casebook.
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, From Our Own Correspondent.
7.45, Play: The Man of Feeling by Carolyn Sally Jones.
9.15, A Sideways Look at. . . .
9.30, Dizzy Spell: portrait of Dizzy Gillespie.
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, The Sacred Grove (3): The Greater Glory.†
11.00, A Book at Bedtime: On the Eve by Ivan Turgenev (1).
11.15, The Financial World.
11.30, Today in Parliament. 12.00, News, Weather.
12.15-12.23 am, Shipping. Inshore Forecast.
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As Radio 4 except Regional news, weather at 6.50 am, 7.50, 12.55 pm, 5.50. Schools at 10.05 am, 10.45, 2.00 pm. Study at 11.00 pm.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Concert: Beethoven, Handel, Mozart.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Concert: Thomas, Lalo, Ravel.†
9.00, News.
9.05, Composer: Puccini.†
9.55, Talking about Music.†
10.25, Summer School of Music, Dartington Hall 1978 Concert, part 1: Mozart, Beethoven.†
11.05, Interval Reading.
11.10, Concert, part 2: Beethoven, Mozart.†
12.10 pm, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Rubbra.†
1.00, News.
1.05, BBC Lunchtime Concert: Bartok, Beethoven.†
2.05, Music for Organ by Schroeder, Dupre.†
2.50, Matinee Musicale.†
3.50, Records of music by Prokofiev Scriabin, Tchaikovsky.†
5.15, Bandstand.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.†
6.30, News.
6.35, At Home: The Voice of Fritz Wunderlich.†
7.30, EBU Concert from Copenhagen, part 1: Skalkottas.†
8.25, Gene Machine? Talk by Dr Colin Blakemore.
8.45, EBU Concert, part 2: Per Norgaard.†
9.50, The Spring of Memory Feature.†
10.50, Vivaldi.†
11.10, Jazz in Britain.†
11.45, News.
11.50, Schubert song.

Radio 2

News at 5.00 am, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, and on hour to 6.00 pm, 6.30, 7.00, to 5.00 am.
5.03 am, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan (8.27, Racing bulletin).† 10.03, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoner's Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray's Open House (1.45, Sports Desk, racing).† 2.30, David Hamilton (2.45, 3.45 Sports Desk).† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn (5.45, Sports Desk).† 6.45, Sports Desk with racing results. 7.02, BBC Northern Radio Orchestra.† 7.30, Alan Dell (7.30, The Dance Band Day; 8.02, The Big Band Sound).† 9.02, Humphrey Lyttelton.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, Pop Score. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew: Round Midnight (12.00, News, weather). 2.02-5.00 am, You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on half-hour 6.30 am to 11.30, 1.30 pm to 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.
5.00 am, As Radio 2. 6.00, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett (12.30 pm Newsbeat). 2.00, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen (5.30, Newsbeat). 7.00, Stayin' Alive. 8.00, Andy Peebles. 9.50, Newsbeat. 10.00, John Peel.† 12.00-5.00 am, As Radio 2.
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5.00 am, With Radio 2 (1.55 pm, Good Listening). 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

HTV

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, Make it Count. 1.20, Report West Headlines. 1.25, Report Wales Headlines. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, The Regions Report. 2.55, Film: Peter Falk in Columbo: A Matter of Honour. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 6.00, Report West. 6.22, Report Wales. 10.35, Film: Keith Michell and Angharad Rees in Moments. 12.30 am, Weather. Close. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV general service except: 1.20 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 2.00, Hamdden. 6.00, Y Dydd. 8.30, Yr Wythnos. 10.00, News. Report Wales Headlines. HATV WEST.—As HTV General Service except: 10.13 am, History Around us. 1.20 pm, Report West Headlines. 6.22, Report West.

Yorkshire

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, Farming Outlook. 1.20, Calendar News. 2.25, Family. 3.20, Heart to Heart. 3.50, Andy. 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, Calendar. Weather. 9.00, Twist in the Tale. 10.30, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 11.15, Barnaby Jones. 12.10 am, Oscar Peterson Presents. 12.40, Close.

ATV

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, George Hamilton IV. 1.00, News at One. 1.20, ATV Newsdesk. 2.25, Film: The Fallen Idol (Ralph Richardson, Michele Morgan). 4.10, Housewife. 5.15, In Search of The Garden of Eden. 6.00, ATV Today. 10.30, Right Left and Centre: Dick Taverne. 11.00, The New Avengers. 12.05 am, Close.

Anglia

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, The Electric Theatre Show. 1.25, Anglia News. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Film: McMillan and Wife: Point of Law (Rock Hudson, Susan Saint James). 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, About Anglia. 9.00, Twist in the Tale. 10.30, Brian Connoll. 11.00, Film: Foreign Exchange (Robert Horton, Sebastian Cabot, Jill St John). 12.25 am, Reflection.

Scottish

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.25, News. Weather. 2.25, Regions Report. 2.55, Film: Hurricane (Larry Hagman, Martin Milner). 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.25, Crimedesk. 6.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 9.00, Rafferty. 10.30, Late Call. 12.20 am, Close.

Tyne Tees

As Thames except: 9.25 am, The Good Word. North-East Headlines, Weather. 12.30 pm, Wildlife Cinema. 1.20, North-East News. Lookaround. Weather. 2.25, Family. 3.20, Generation Scene. 3.35, Cartoon. 3.50, Lassie. 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.30, Police Call. 9.00, Twist in the Tale. 10.30, Film: Knock On Any Door (Humphrey Bogart, John Derek). 12.20 am, Epilogue. 12.25, Close.

Channel

As Thames except: 1.18 pm, Channel Lunchtime News. What's On Where. Weather. 2.25, Film: Ferry to Hong Kong. 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, Channel News, and Weather. 6.10, The Beachcombers. 7.00, Botanic Man. 10.28, Channel Late News. Weather. 10.32, Film: Blood on Satan's Claw. 12.10 am, Channel Gazette News. Weather in French. Close.

Grampian

As Thames except: 9.25 am, First Thing. 12.30 pm, Make it Count. 1.20, Grampian Headlines. 2.25, The Regions Report. 2.55, Film: The Clairvoyant (Claude Rains, Fay Wray, Mary Clare). 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, Grampian Today. Weather. 6.05, The Electric theatre Show. 9.00, Quincy: The Two Sides of Truth. 10.30, Reflections. 10.35, Film: Little Ladies of the Night (David Soul, the Linda Purl). 12.20 am, Grampian Headines. 12.25, Close.

Granada

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.20, Dodo. 2.25, Film: Jerry Lewis, Terry-Thomas in Don't Raise the Bridge, Lower the River. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Botanic Man. 9.00, Rafferty. 10.30, Reports Politics. 11.00, Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. 12.45 am, Close.

Ulster

As Thames except: 10.10 am, Let's Look at Ulster. 12.30 pm, Make it Count. 1.20, Lunchtime. 2.00, See You Monday. 2.25, Regions Report. 2.55, Film: Hurricane. 4.18, Ulster News Headlines. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Crossroads. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Laverne and Shirley. 10.40, Review. 11.10, In Search of: Magic of Stonehenge. 11.35, Bedtime. 11.45, Close.

Southern

As Thames except: 12.30 pm, Make it Count. 1.20, Southern News. Weather. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Film: Windom's Way (Peter Finch). 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 6.00, Day by Day. 10.30, Southern News Extra. 10.35, Face to Face. Dr A. L. Rowse. 11.05, New Avengers. 12.00, Farm Progress. 12.30 am, Weather. Praying Today. Close.

Westward

As Thames except: 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Farmhouse Kitchen. Dinner in the Oven. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 2.25, Film: Ferry to Hong Kong (Curt Jurgens, Orson Welles). 5.15, University Challenge. 6.00, Westward Diary. Sports Desk. 7.00, Botanic Man. 9.00, Richie Brockelman. 10.28, Westward news, weather. 10.30, Film: Blood on Satan's Claw (Patrick Wymark, Linda Hayden). 12.10 am, Faith for Life. 12.15, Close.

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BOLTON.—On November 24th, at St Stephens Fulham to Lister (née Holt) and Simon; a son, (Robert James Follett).
CHESTER.—On Nov. 15th at Grimsby to Janet (née Gaunt) and Dr. David Chester—a daughter (Ruth Katherine), a sister for Amanda and Simon.
CORRY.—On November 25, to Ann (née Fenn) and Mac—a son.
ELLIS.—On 23rd November, to Caroline and Edward—a daughter (Henrietta Christine).
HOLLINGSWORTH.—On 23rd Nov., at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Sheilagh (née McCallum) and Tim—a son.
HOLT.—On 22nd November at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Ria (Peri) and Ben—a daughter.
HUNT.—On 22nd November at University College Hospital, London, to Jennie and Jasper, a daughter (Olivia).

BIRTHS

ORR.—On November 22nd, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Catrin (nee Evans) and Anthony—a son (James).
PEACOCK.—On 26th November, to Rosey (née Goodman) and Tony, a daughter—Nancy.
SANDERSON.—On 24th November, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Charlotte (nee Money) and Michael—a son (Mark).
SNOW.—On November 21st at Basingstoke District Hospital, to Jane (nee Masser) and Nicholas—a daughter (Victoria Louise).
WINDHAM.—On 23rd November, to Caroline (nee Warren) and Dan—a son (William).

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DEATHS

BARKER.—On 22nd November, in a motor accident, *Richard Peter Henry*, aged 18 years, much-loved son of Judy and Martin and brother of Sarah, of 137 Leamington Road, Coventry. Funeral service, Wed., 29 November, at 2.00 p.m., St. James Church, Leamington Road, Styvechale, Coventry. Donations to British Sports Assoc. for the Disabled, Stoke Mandeville.
BARNES.—On November 23rd, at 7 Laburnum Avenue, Durham City, peacefully, Winifred Anne, beloved wife of Archie, and loving mother. Private cremation Durham Crematorium, Tuesday, November 28th.
BOWERS.—On 24 November, Douglas of Forge Drive, Claygate, beloved husband of Marie, and father of Roger, Gillian, Janet and Susie. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday 29 November at 11 a.m. No flowers but donations to cancer research.
BOYS.—On 24th November, 1978, at Brockenhurst, Helen Florence Mary, wife of the late Geoffrey Vernon Boys, daughter of the late Frank and Ada Gosling and dearly loved mother of John. B. Boys. Funeral, 12 noon, Friday, 1 December, at St. Mary Bourne, near Andover.
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DALDY.—On 24th Nov., suddenly, Alfred Frederick (Deric) Daldy, F.I.C.E., aged 73 years, of 8 Dean Close, Winchester, dearly loved husband of Honor (Liz), loved father of Jane, Sarah, Pat, Katharine, and a beloved grandfather. Service at St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt, Winchester, Thurs., Nov. 30th, at 2.45 p.m. Family Flowers only, please.
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LEACH, Frances Gertrude, suddenly in Bideford, aged 77, beloved sister of Bobs and aunt of so many. Enquiries to Bideford 3453.
LINEEN.—On 24th November at Edgware General Hospital, Dr James of Mill Hill, London, formerly of Bunnacurry Achill. Remains will be received into the Church of the Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate, Mill Hill on Tuesday 28th November at 7.15 p.m., followed by Mass at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 29th November Requiem Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. Burial will follow in Ireland.
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SWANN.—On 24th November, 1978, Douglas Victor Swann, M.B.E., Lt. Cdr., R.N.V.R. Aged 69 years. Husband of Maggie of Beechings Church Lane, Haslemere, Surrey. Father of Bruce and Janet and grandfather of Richard, Peter and Nigel. Funeral service at St. Bartholomews Church, Haslemere, 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 29th, followed by private cremation, family flowers only but donations to Cancer Research if desired.
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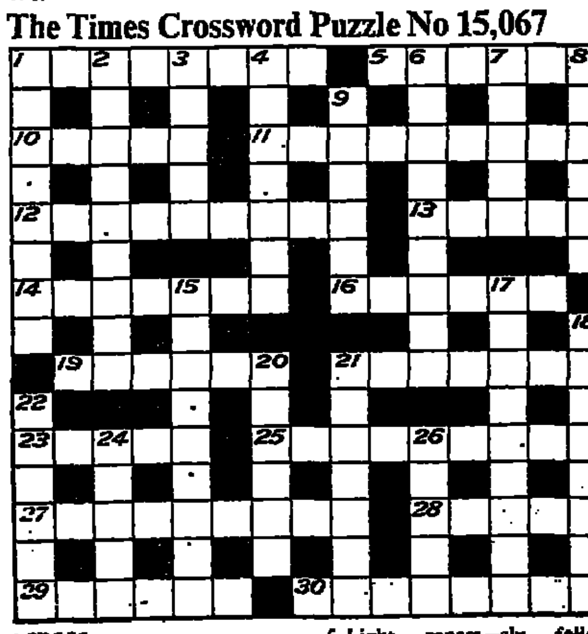
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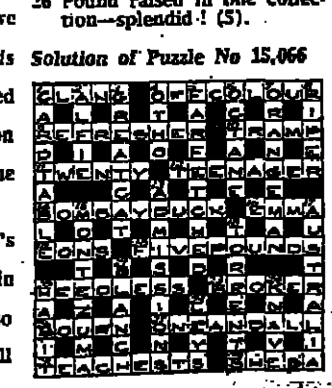
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ACROSS
1 State needs friendship in disaster (8).
5 £100 was right—confused by bad writing (6).
10 Miss Thrush (5).
11 Guns for vessel containing one two-pounder (9).
12 Lets Ascot building, having descended socially (4, 5).
13 Passage overlooked in sermon, perhaps (5).
14 Fancy ham in dry sandwich? (7).
16 Feeling satisfied by spring, possibly (6).
19 Sole supporters of Miss Nickleby on board? (6).
21 Least possible note, a pound (7).
23 Slow pace of repair-work to blame (5).
25 Feature of a service we don't have to play? (9).
27 Vehicles of which *one* is gear-changing type (9).
28 TV man is a single-hearted poet (5).
29 Minority, for example, soon to retire (6).
30 Great Dane loose in the Ardennes (8).

DOWN
1 Finished—but not Walton's spell (8).
2 Bad upset over investment in cattle (9).
3 The course of love, Orsino suggested (5).
4 Passing over climbing skill isn't unusual (7).
6 Light repast—sly fellow swallows it all up (9).
7 Tracts from some welfare association (5).
8 Amateur lyricists? (6).
9 The way of the ordinary man (6).
15 Understanding lot of people? (9).
17 Abstracts a lot of money Corelli's collected (9).
18 So batsman was out—or stayed in? (6, 2).
20 Wild chap, Landor (6).
21 Curse chap about silo repair (7).
22 "A ——, towering in her pride of place" (*Macbeth*) (6).
24 26 bolted? (5).
26 Pound raised in one collection—splendid! (5).

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